ANNUAL MEETING
San Francisco, CA • November 19–22, 2011
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-100

ENCyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting
Thursday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
HI-Lombard

M17-101

Newbigin House of Studies
Thursday, 11:00 am–7:30 pm
Calvary Presbyterian Church 2515 Fillmore Street (between Jackson & Pacific)
Theme: Leadership for the Church-in-Mission
Featuring N.T. Wright, Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland
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11:00 am–1:30 pm Registration
2:00 pm–4:30 pm Session 1
4:30 pm–5:30 pm Break
5:30 pm–7:30 pm Session 2
For registration and more information: http://newbiginhousestudies.eventbrite.com/

M17-202

Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies (LWTRS)
Thursday, 3:30 pm–8:30 pm
Offsite
Meet at the Annual Meetings Registration desk to walk to a local restaurant for an informal dinner.

A17-300

Sustainability Task Force Meeting
Thursday, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm
MM-Sierra G
Bobbi Patterson, Emory University, Presiding

P17-401

Adventist Society for Religious Studies
Thursday, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM-Club Room
Theme: Gates and Walls: Inclusivity and Exclusivity and the People of God Part I
Today through Saturday the Adventist Society for Religious Studies will address the topic Gates and Walls: Inclusivity and Exclusivity and the People of God. A reception and our first presentation will be followed by a business meeting. For additional information regarding this section contact Ernest Furness at P. O. Box 8050, Riverside, CA 92515 or Ernest.Furness@seccda.org.

M17-400

Society for Scriptural Reasoning
Thursday, 7:30 pm–9:30 pm
HI-Van Ness
Open meeting of the Society for Scriptural Reasoning: table-fellowships in Abrahamic text study. All interested and registered are welcome Thursday evening. For registration materials please email Peter Ochs at pochs@virginia.edu.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

A18-103
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
Friday, 8:00 am–12:00 pm
MM-Sierra A
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Presiding

M18-6
Postcolonial Roundtable
Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm
IC–Potrero Hill
Evangelical and Postcolonial scholars working together to discuss the intersections between postcoloniality and evangelicalism. Meeting is by invitation only.

M18-1
Believers Church Bible Commentary Editorial Council
Friday, 8:30 am–11:30 am
MM-Sierra E

M18-2
Common English Bible Editorial Board Meeting
Friday, 8:30 am–12:00 pm
HI-Executive Boardroom

P18-101a
Adventist Society for Religious Studies
Friday, 8:30 am–12:00 pm
CC-2008
Theme: Gates and Walls: Inclusivity and Exclusivity and the People of God Part II

M18-3
Institute of Ismaili Studies
Friday, 8:30 am–1:00 pm
HI-Van Ness
Theme: Cultural Responses to the Qur'an
This workshop situates the reading and interpretation of the Qur'an in a wider social and cultural context. It will explore how concepts, stories, images, and the language of the Qur'an influenced poets, prose writers, and those working in folklore, music, sufism, philosophy, and other literary and artistic forms, and how in turn they contributed to the reception history of the Qur'an. By exploring the engagement with, and exegesis of, the Qur'an in a variety of genres in a wider cultural framework, the workshop will complement the emphasis of current research on the professional scholastic circles of tafsîr, and will indirectly contribute to the understanding of the extent and boundaries of tafsîr and its relations to other genres.

M18-4
Accordance Bible Software Training Seminar
Friday, 8:30 am–5:30 pm
IC-Union Square
The all day free seminar will cover basic, advanced, and new features of this cutting-edge Bible software. It is suitable for potential and current users. The morning sessions will cover the interface and search capabilities, while the afternoon is devoted to powerful new search commands, tools, and aids for study and teaching. Questions will be answered and new and future projects will be demonstrated. Bring your own laptop or follow the projected demonstration.

M18-5
Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies (LWTRS)
Friday, 8:00 am–6:00 pm
MM-Willow
Lutheran women in theological and religious studies, as well as some local Lutheran clergywomen, gather annually for scholarship, friendship, and worship. Lutheran women scholars—including graduate students—and other women who teach at Lutheran colleges and seminaries are welcome to attend. This year’s meeting will include invited guests from the international Lutheran communion. For more information and to register, please contact Mary Streufert at mary.streufert@elca.org.

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
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- Sustainability and Religion
- Tours
- Wildcard Sessions
A18-100

Overcoming Barriers to Underrepresented Scholarship: A Strategy and Action Workshop
Friday, 9:00 am–4:30 pm
CC-2002
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, and Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee, Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, and the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee
Panelists:
  - Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
  - Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
  - Judith “jack” Halberstam, University of Southern California
  - Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion
  - Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College
  - Emilie M. Townes, Yale University
Separate registration required. See page 27 for details.

A18-104

Regional Coordinators Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
MM-Sierra D
Brian Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding

A18-105

Theological Education Steering Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
MM-Sierra B
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

A18-106

History of Religions Jury Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
MM-Sierra F
Lou Ruprecht, Georgia State University, Presiding

A18-107

Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
MM-Sierra J
Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

A18-109

International Connections Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
MM-Sierra I

A18-110

Graduate Student Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
MM-Sierra H
Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University, Presiding

P18-100

North American Association for the Study of Religion Executive Council Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–11:00 am
HI-Yosemite C

P18-102

Society for Buddhist Christian Studies Board Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–11:30 am
IC-Stockton

P18-103

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Friday, 9:00 am–4:30 pm
CC-2012
Theme: The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Pre-registration is required, but is already closed. Participants will work on their own original manuscripts in the scholarship of teaching in theology and religion. Small writing cohort groups will help to identify and clarify marks of quality in writing about teaching. There will be extended opportunity to discuss and get feedback on individual writing projects to help develop strategies for structuring evidence and argumentation. At the end of the workshop, the cohort groups will agree on a plan and process to create an ongoing writing group to give encouragement and timely critical feedback to each of the authors until completion of the manuscripts. Please contact Tom Pearson, pearsont@wabash.edu, if you would be interested in registering for this workshop if were offered again next year. For more information: http://tinyurl.com/3f6vk3.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

P18-191
North American Paul Tillich Society
Friday, 9:00 am–11:30 am
HI-Mason
Theme: Tillich and Culture
Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville
Tillich's Theology of Culture in Relation to the American Religious-Secular Dialectic
Rose Caraway, University of Florida
A New Human Being: The Religious Dimensions of Secularism in Cuban and Soviet Morali
ties
Bert Daelmans, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
The Breakthrough of the Spirit in Contemporary Church Architecture

M18-100
Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Friday, 9:00 am–11:00 am
IC-Grand Ballroom C
Kusumita Pedersen, St. Francis College, Presiding
Theme: Non-Violence and Violence in Dharma Traditions: Warriors, Ascetics, Animals, and Farmers
Koenraad Elst, Mortsel, Belgium
From the Indo-European Warrior Bands to Modern Buddhist Involvement in War: the Martial Origins and Involvements of Shramanism
Carl Olson, Allegheny College
The Conflicting Themes of Nonviolence and Violence in Ancient Indian Asceticism as Évident in the Practice of Fasting
Christopher Key Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
Imitation, Reincarnation, and Compassion: Animals in Indic Traditions
Whitney Sanford, University of Florida
Practicing Non-Violence through Food: Gandhi’s Agrarian Legacy in Contemporary Intentional Communities

M18-101
Review and Expositor Editorial Board Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–2:00 pm
HI-Union Square 14

M18-102
Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting
Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
HI-Yosemite B

M18-112
Newbigin House of Studies
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10:30 am–11:00 am Break
11:00 am–12:30 pm Session 2
12:45 pm–2:00 pm Newbigin House Informational Lunch
2:00 pm–4:00 pm Breakout Sessions
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A18-102
Religion and Media Workshop
Friday, 9:30 am–4:30 pm
CC-2003
Jenna Tiitsman, University of North Carolina and Auburn Media, and J. Barton Scott, Montana State University, Presiding
Theme: What’s Next for Texts: Scripting Religion in a Networked World
I. Bookish Objects, Then and Now
Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College
Translating Pasolini, Translating Paul
Juliane Hammer, George Mason University
Living Text: Qur’an 4:34 and American Muslim Efforts against Domestic Violence
James Watts, Syracuse University
Iconic Electric Texts

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II. Texts/Codes/Bodies: Scripting the Virtual Public

Ann Burlein, Hofstra University
*From the Scriptural Genome to Hansen’s Bodies in Code: As Media Become Digital, The Body Returns*

Ken Hillis, University of North Carolina
*Google, World Soul, and the Universal Library*

Jeremy Stolow, Concordia University
*Picturing Aura: On Technologically-Mediated Vision and the Radiant Body*

Roundtable
Interpreting Digital Texts: Collaboration, Research, and Teaching via the Digital Humanities

Panel 1
Erika W. Dyson, Harvey Mudd College
*Archiving Ghosts: Classifiers and Databases for Multi-world Communities*

Amy E. Earhart, Texas A&M University; Board Member of Networked Infrastructure for Nineteenth-Century Electronic Scholarship
*Strategies for Digital Production*

Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University
*Finding Religion in America and Getting Lost in the Digital Humanities*

Panel 2
Timothy Tangherlini, University of California, Los Angeles
*Looking for Satan in all the Wrong Places: Similarity Measures, Topic Modeling, Search and Discovery in Folklore*

Lewis R. Lancaster, University of California, Berkeley; founder, Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative
*Digitizing Buddhist Manuscripts and Using Multi-dimensional Interactive Visualizations*

Rebecca Davis, National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education (NITLE)
*Learning in a Networked World: Digital Scholarship and Liberal Education*

Separate registration is required. See page 28 for details.

M18-103

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Friday, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom C

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, Presiding
Theme: *Violence and Non-Violence in Hindu Traditions*

T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University
*From Violence to Non-Violence as Evidenced in the Mahabharata*

Veena Howard, University of Oregon
*Animals’ Own Voices in Hindu Narratives: The Ideal of Nonviolence towards Living Beings*

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College
*Are the fierce forms of the Mahadevi ‘Violent’? A Reading of the Chandi*

Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne University
*The Threads of Gandhian Nonviolence in the African American Civil Rights Movement, 1893–1968*

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawaii
*Non-violence and Environmentalism in the Dharma Traditions*

M18-108

Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale University Annual Luncheon
Friday, 11:30 am–1:30 pm
IC-Telegraph Hill
The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale holds its annual AAR luncheon for friends and supporters of the Forum and invited guests.

A18-111

Leadership Luncheon
Friday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm
MM-Club Room
Members of AAR’s Board of Directors, Committees, and Task Forces are invited to this luncheon to recognize their service to and leadership within the Academy.

M18-113

Society for Scriptural Reasoning
Friday, 12:00 pm–2:00 pm
HI–Lombard
Open meeting of the Society for Scriptural Reasoning: table-fellowships in Abrahamic text study. All interested and registered are welcome Thursday evening. For registration materials please email Peter Ochs at pochs@virginia.edu.

M18-109

Women’s Caucus
Friday, 12:00 pm–2:30 pm
IC-Sutter
Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Women’s Caucus! Open to all women of the AAR and SBL. Join us for conversation on a variety of topics, including practicing self-care, managing Times of transition in one’s career, and working toward further healing racial and other divisions among women in the academy.

M18-111

Numata Chair Coordinators Meeting
Friday, 12:00 pm–5:00 pm
HI-Taylor
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A18-205

Swedenborgian Church Tour
Friday, 12:00 pm–2:00 pm
Meet at CC-Howard Street Exit
This on-site tour goes behind the scenes at the Swedenborgian Church, the first and only house of worship in San Francisco presently designated a National Historic Landmark. Built in 1895, the building’s distinctive use of natural materials was a crucial forerunner for what became the west coast “Arts and Crafts” movement. The circle of artists, philosophers, and theologians behind the building’s design included the noted architect Bernard Maybeck and the landscape painter William Keith. The tour will discuss these various fine arts contexts, as well as the importance of Swedenborgian theology for the building’s nature aesthetics and their vital relation to early San Francisco environmentalism. An on-site reception (coffee, tea, finger sandwiches) will follow the tour in the church’s historic Parish House. Sponsored and coordinated by the Swedenborgian House of Studies (Pacific School of Religion) and the Art and Religion Area Group at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. The tour is free of charge. Please contact Devin Zuber at dzuher@psr.edu to register or for more details.

A18-200

Theatre as Pedagogy Workshop
Friday, 1:00 pm–6:00 pm
CC-2004
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Presiding
Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Panelists:
Victoria Rue, San Jose State University
Registration is limited to the first thirty participants. To register, send an e-mail to Tina Pippin at tpippin@agnesscott.edu. There is no cost for participants, but we ask for commitment to the full session. See page 29 for details.

A18-201

The Study of Religion as an Analytical Discipline
Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm
CC-2005
Randy Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, Sociology of Religion Consultation, SBL Bible and Cultural Studies Group, and the SBL Ideological Criticisms Group
Panelists:
Jorunn J. Buckley, Bowdoin College
Gregory Alles, McDaniel College
Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
Registration is free, but limited to the first 50 participants. To register, send an e-mail to Randy Reed, reedrw@appstate.edu, or Ipsita Chatterjea at ipsita.chatterjea@vanderbilt.edu. See page 30 for details.

A18-202

Rethinking Islamic Studies Workshop
Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm
CC-2007
Laury Silvers, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Gender, Sexuality, and Bodies in the Text
Sponsored by the Islamic Mysticism Group and the Qur’an Group
Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University
Gendering Human and Textual Bodies: Reading the Kitab al-Janna in the Sahih Muslim
Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco, and Amanullah De Sondy, University of Miami
Beyond Sex: The Ethics of Reading Islamic Masculinities
Scott A. Kugle, Emory University, and Sa’diya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
Reading Gender in Sufi Sources
Richard McGregor, Vanderbilt University
Contesting Iconoclasm: Bodies and Violence as Problems for Comparative Religion
Karen G. Ruffle, University of Toronto
The Bleeding Tree in the Garden of Eden: The Construction of the Shi’i Body through Discourse of Exceptional Difference
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University
Mar’a‘ah and Din Revisited: Late Ancient Legacies of Maleness in Islamic Foundational Texts
Separate registration is required. See page 31 for details.

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A18–203
San Francisco City Tour
Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm
Offsite–Meet at CC–Howard Street Exit
The perfect introduction to the city of San Francisco…a fun-filled bus journey through the vibrant neighborhoods, such as North Beach, Chinatown, Fisherman’s Wharf, Ghirardelli Square, Union Square, the Embarcadero, and historic areas of the City by the Bay. Some of the famous sights you will see on the tour may include Coit Tower, Grace Cathedral on Nob Hill, the Chinatown Gate, Transamerica Tower, Alamo Square — home to the famed Painted Ladies — the Ferry Building, and the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, where the tour will stop for a photo op. You will travel to Twin Peaks for panoramic views of the City and a chance to take group photos (weather dependent). Finally, if time permits, you will have a chance to explore Ghirardelli Square or Pier 39/Fisherman’s Wharf on your own.

A18–206
AAR Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm
MM–Pacific D
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

P18–200
Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
Friday, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm
MM–Pacific H
Theme: Thomas F. Torrance and the Problem of Universalism
Our guest speaker will be Dr. Paul D. Molnar, Professor of Systematic Theology in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John’s University, Queens, New York. The title of his presentation will be: Thomas F. Torrance and the Problem of Universalism.
1:00 pm Short Business Meeting
1:30 pm Guest Presentation
See www.tftorrance.org for more information.

P18–202
North American Association for the Study of Religion
Friday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
HI–Yosemite A
Frank Korom, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Curses and Blasphemy
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University
The Violence of Religious Language
Daria Pezzoli-Olgiati, University of Zürich
Controversial Mary: ‘Blasphemy’ between the Public Sphere and the Study of Religion

Steven Engler, Mount Royal University
Curses, Cures and Agency in Three Brazilian New Religions
Responding:
Frank Korom, Boston University

P18–204
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm
IC–Grand Ballroom B
Theme: Designing an Introductory Course Syllabus
The Introductory course sits at the nexus of multiple concerns and demands. For example, as a general education course, it must teach skills (in some places, to a diverse audience), but as an introduction to a dimension of the field of religious studies, biblical studies, or whatever area it is introducing, it must either entice new majors, functioning to offer tidbits of larger subjects, or set the foundations for work in a field. This workshop will examine the introductory course in its multiplicity through the common element of all courses: the syllabus. The syllabus will allow us to ask a variety of questions about contextual demands of institution, guild, departmental, and personal goals. Participants will be required to bring a syllabus from an introductory course they are currently teaching/TA-ing or from an introductory course they would like to teach.
Leadership Team:
Richard Ascough, Queen’s University, Canada
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
Paul O. Myhre, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Advance registration limited to 60 SBL and AAR graduate students and faculty in their first years of teaching - register online at www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=21500.

P18–205
International Bonhoeffer Society Editorial Board and Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, 1:00 pm–6:00 pm
IC–Intercontinental Ballroom A
The DBWE Editorial Board will meet at 1:00 pm followed by the Board of Directors at 3:30 pm. The Annual Meeting of the Bonhoeffer Society will be held at the Society Banquet on Saturday evening; for banquet details see www.dietrichbonhoeffer.org.
P18-291
North American Paul Tillich Society
Friday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
HI-Mason
Theme: Courage and Symbol in Tillich
  Derek Nelson, Thiel College
  Absolutely Relative: Teaching Dynamics of Faith, on Teaching
  Dynamics of Faith
  Verna Marina Ehret, Mercyhurst College
  Doubt, Courage, and the Transformation of Redemption Within
  Globalization
  Ryan O’Leary, University of Iowa
  Gaia as Symbol

P18-292
Society for Buddhist Christian Studies Board Meeting
Friday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
IC-Stockton

M18-206
Explorations in Theology and Apocalyptic Working Group
Friday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm
IC–Pacific Terrace
This meeting of the Explorations in Theology and Apocalyptic working group will feature a paper presented by Peter Kline and Nathan Kerr, entitled The Hiddenness of God. The presentation will be followed by a response from Phil Ziegler and open discussion. The session will conclude with a discussion about the nature and future of the working group itself. All inquiries should be directed to Nathan Kerr at nkerr@trevecca.edu.

M18-200
Believers Church Bible Commentary Editorial Council
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MM-Sierra E

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P18-206
Adventist Society for Religious Studies
Friday, 1:30 pm–5:30 pm
CC–2009
This is a joint session with SAP, ATS, and ASRS. ASRS sectional meetings will follow starting at 3:30 PM.
Abigail Doukhan, Queens College, Presiding
Theme: Gates and Walls: Inclusivity and Exclusivity and the People of God Part III
1:30 pm Keynote Address
  Bruce Benson, Wheaton College
3:00 pm Business Session
  John Reeve, Andrews University, Presiding
3:30 pm Sectional Meetings
  Christian Ethics
  Charles Scriven, Kettering College of Medical Arts, Presiding
  Christian Theology and History
  Martin Hanna, Andrews University, Presiding
  New Testament
  Carl Cozaert, Walla Walla University, Presiding
  Old Testament
  Agniel Samson, Oakwood University, Presiding
  Practical Theology
  Ernie Furness, Southeastern California Conference, Presiding
  Religion and Culture
  Carla Gober, Loma Linda University, Presiding
  World Religions/Missiology
  Ernie Bursey, Florida Hospital College, Presiding
4:30 pm Special Meetings
  Black Theology Group
  Agniel Samson, Oakwood University, Presiding
  Women in Theology Group
  Trisha Famisaran, La Sierra University, Presiding

M18-201
Consortium of Christian Study Centers
Friday, 1:30 pm–4:30 pm
HI-Yosemite C
Those involved with a Christian Study Center at their university or who are interested in finding out about Christian Study Centers can attend this meeting but must register with the office of the Consortium of Christian Study Centers, 1530 Rugby Avenue, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22903 (Phone 434-296-3333; email info@studycentersonline.org; website www.studycentersonline.org). Registration cost for the annual meeting depends on a variety of factors, which we will be happy to discuss with you. Please contact us; you are very welcome.
Sustainability Workshop
Friday, 1:45 pm–5:30 pm
CC-2006
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Theme: Teaching About Religion and Sustainability: The Animal Question
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force and the Animals and Religion Group
Panelists:
- David Clough, University of Chester
- Aaron Gross, University of San Diego
- Christine Gutleben, Humane Society of the United States
- Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University
- Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University
- Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College
- Sara Tlili, University of Florida
- Paul Waldau, Canisius College
Separate registration is required. See page 32 for details.

Academic Relations Committee Meeting
Friday, 2:00 pm–7:00 pm
MM-Sierra B
Steve Young, McHenry County Community College, Presiding

Psychology, Culture, and Religion
Friday, 2:00 pm–7:00 pm
IC-Grand Ballroom B
Alberto Varona, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding
2:00 pm The Friendship between Sigmund Freud and Oskar Pfister as Seen in the Correspondence between the Jewish Atheist Founder of Psychoanalysis and the Swiss Pastor who Pioneered Pastoral Psychology
Presenters:
- Isabelle Noth, University of Zurich
- Christoph Morgenthaler, University of Bern
Responding:
- Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary
- Herman Westerink, University of Vienna
3:45 pm Break
4:00 pm Centrality, Marginality, and Intercultural Dynamics in Psychology and Religion
Presenters:
- Carrie Dohe, University of Chicago
- Nicholas Dion, University of Toronto
- Gabriel Mendes, University of California, San Diego
5:45 pm Break
6:00 pm Intersections of Meditation Practice with Theories and Theologies of Personhood and Clinical Practice
Presenters:
- Eileen Campbell-Reed, Luther Seminary
- Insook Lee, Hood Theological Seminary
7:00 pm PCR Dinner at a local restaurant. Location TBA.

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Friday, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm
IC-Grand Ballroom C
Anne Valley, University of Ottawa, Presiding
Theme: Animals, Non-Violence, and the Jain Tradition
Smita Kothari, University of Toronto
The Terapantha Doctrine of Non-interference: A Moral Dilemma?
Nika Kuchuk, University of Ottawa
Serpents in the Iconography of the Goddess Padmavati: A Comparative Study
Bradley Boileau, University of Ottawa
“Telling” Animal Encounters: Defining Heroism through Human-Animal Interaction in Jaina Purânic Narrative
Anne Valley, University of Ottawa
jainism’s Ontology of Kinship

Theology and Ethics Colloquy
Friday, 2:00 pm–5:00 pm
HI-Executive Boardroom

Society of Christian Philosophers
Friday, 2:30 pm–5:00 pm
IC-SoMa
Andrew Chignell, Cornell University, Presiding
Theme: Philosophy and Scripture
Eleonore Stump, St. Louis University
The Cry of Dereliction from the Cross and Theories of the Atonement
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia
Transcendental Conditions for Creating the World and also Telling Us About It
Responding:
- Paul Griffiths, Duke University
- William Abraham, Southern Methodist University

Location Key:
CC–Moscone Center West • MM–Marriott Marquis • IC–InterContinental • PW–Parc 55 Wyndham • HI–Hilton Union Square
A18-208

Islam in a World of Sound Bites: New Approaches, New Media
Friday, 2:30 pm–6:00 pm
Location: MM-Sierra H

Sponsored by AAR and Religion Dispatches. Funded by a grant from the Social Sciences Research Council
2:30 pm–4:00 pm
Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University, Presiding
Theme: Artists and Activists

Panelists:
Wajahat Ali, attorney, playwright, author of Domestic Crusaders
Farhana Khera, Executive Director, Muslim Advocates
Suhail Khan, Senior Fellow for Muslim-Christian Understanding at the Institute for Global Engagement

4:30 pm–6:00 pm
Sarah Posner, Religion Dispatches, Presiding
Theme: Journalists on the Inside

Panelists:
Rachel Zoll, Associated Press
Arwa Gunja, The Takeaway
Sarah Wildman, Politics Daily

registration is free, but limited to the first 50 participants. To register, send an e-mail to Gary Laderman at gladerm@emory.edu. See page 33 for more details.

P18-207

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
Friday, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm
IC-Grand Ballroom A
Mia Mochizuki, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: New Frontiers in Theological Aesthetics: Taking Stock and Charting Course


M18-204

American Association for the Advancement of Science
Friday, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm
HI-Van Ness

Theme: Seminaries and Science: Challenges and Opportunities

Please join us for a lively exploration of the role of science in theological education and efforts to integrate science into seminary curricula. A panel discussion will include perspectives from scientists, seminary faculty, seminary students and practicing ministers. The discussion will then be opened to all attendees to present their questions and concerns to the panelists as well as personal challenges and opportunities in the effort to address scientific realities in theological education. Participants may also join us at the related workshop, Seminaries and Science: From Principles to Practice, on Saturday morning. This event is sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

P18-208

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
Friday, 3:30 pm–5:15 pm
MM-Pacific H
Barbara Quinn, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: Spiritual Formation—Rigorous, Transformative, Integrated

This workshop will continue the energetic discussion on spiritual formation that began at last year’s conference. Whether teaching an undergraduate course in spirituality or facilitating a spiritual formation program in a divinity school, teachers face recurring questions and critiques about the character of spirituality as an academic discipline. Does a course in spirituality stand on a par with other courses in the theological curriculum? Do personal questions, experiences, and practices belong in the classroom and to what degree? How does a teacher assess such material as part of the curriculum? What style of pedagogy weaves together the theoretical and analytic with the personal and experiential so as to foster transformation? Panelists will address these challenging issues and offer questions to prompt small group discussion.

Panelists:
André Delbecq, Santa Clara University
Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University
Anita Houck, Saint Mary’s College
Elizabeth Liebert, San Francisco Theological Seminary

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
- Business Meeting
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Especially for Students
- Focus on the Mediterranean
- Focus on California
- Focus on Empire and Religion
- Receptions and Breakfasts
- Sustainability and Religion
- Tours
- Wildcard Sessions
A18-300

Women’s Lounge Roundtable
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm
MM-Pacific B
Theme: *Women of the “Sandwich Generation”*
Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women’s Caucus
Come join us for an informal conversation for and about women who find themselves caring for both the generation above them (their aging parents) and the generation below them (their not-quite-adult children) and who may be attempting to balance these demands with their careers and with self-care.

P18-300

North American Paul Tillich Society
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm
HI-Mason
Theme: *International and Interreligious Applications of Tillich*
Theo Junker, Université de Strasbourg
*Paul Tillich’s Mature Politics: Unconfined Realism and Vigilant Hope. Examples from his Enduring Legacy of Political Affirmations and Refutations*
Anne Marie Reijnen, Faculté Universitaire de Théologie Protestante de Bruxelles
*Das Neue Denken in Franz Rosenzweig and Paul Tillich. The “Star of Redemption” as a Jewish-Christain Theology of Correlation*
Responding:
Lon Weaver, Glen Avon Presbyterian Church

P18-391

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm
HI-Yosemite A
Laura Levitt, Temple University, Presiding
Theme: *Hoc Est Enim Corpus Meum: Biopolitical Fantasies of Community Then and Now*
Jennifer Rust, Saint Louis University
*Political Theologies of the Corpus Mysticum: Schmitt, Kantorowicz and de Lubac*
Kathleen Biddick, Temple University
*The Flesh of Treason: Biopolitics of the Eucharist Then and Now*
Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas
*Corpus, Body and Sense in Nancy, Deleuze and Charles H. Long*
Responding:
Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College

P18-392

Society for Buddhist Christian Studies
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm
IC-Cathedral Hill
Terry C. Muck, Asbury Seminary, Presiding
Theme: *Constructing Buddhist Identities in the West*
This panel provides a critical look at the complex set of factors that come into play when Westerners of varying ethnicity, culture, and religion choose to adopt some sort of Buddhist identity.

James Coleman, California Polytechnic State University
*Who is a Buddhist? The Problem of Identity in Western Buddhism*
Jan Willis, Wesleyan University
*Some African Americans Are Buddhist, Too*
Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary
*Christian and Buddhist*
David Gilner, Hebrew Union College
*Jewish and Buddhist*

M18-300

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm
IC-Grand Ballroom C
Nikky Singh, Colby College, Presiding
Theme: *Sovereignty, Sacrifice, and the Sacred: Non-Violence and Violence in Sikh Dharma*
Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan
*Mourning Sovereignty: Finitude and Sacred Violence in the Khalsa Narrative*
Navdeep Singh Mandair, University of Birmingham, UK
*Squandered Souls: Rethinking the Sacrificial Idiom in Sikhism*
Prabhsharandeep Singh, Center for Sikh Studies
*(Non)violent (Wo)manhood in Sri Guru Granth Sahib*
Balbinder S. Bhogal, Hofstra University
*To Be or Not To Be Violent – Modernity and Sikh Reticence*
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Canada
*Gandhi and the Sikhs*
M18-301

Emory Seminars on Religion and Sexuality: The Reunion
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm
HI-Union Square 13

M18-302

Feminist Liberation Theologians’ Network
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm
IC-Sutter
The Network will discuss colleagues’ successes in implementing and maintaining feminist liberation theological programs in academic institutions and other settings. Among those who will offer brief remarks are:

Shannon Clarkson, San Francisco Theological Seminary
Margaret Miles, Graduate Theological Union
HiRho Park, United Methodist Church
Sharon Welch, Provost, Meadville Lombard Theological School

Discussion will follow short presentations.
All are welcome. RSVP: Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WATER), 301 589-2509, mhunt@hers.com; Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard Divinity School, 617 495-5751, eschussler@hds.harvard.edu.

M18-303

Art/s of Interpretation Group
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 5
Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Theme: Homo Symbolicus as Homo Religiosus: Symbolization in the Study of Religion

Eric Lane, California State University, Los Angeles
What Darwin and Science Owe to Religion

Kay Read, DePaul University
Homo-Who? Quetzalcoatl and Reading Aztec Visual Symbols

Greg Alles, McDaniel College
The Mountain as Symbol: On Difficulties and Possibilities in Studying Religious Symbolization

Jes Hollenback, University of Wisconsin
What Makes Symbols and Symbolization Such Powerful Agents of Transformation?

Responding:
Rick Talbott, California State University, Northridge

M18-306

Westminster John Knox Press
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm
CC-2008
John J. Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Panel Discussion of Wendy Farley’s Gathering Those Driven Away: A Theology of Incarnation
Wendy Farley’s latest work, Gathering Those Driven Away: A Theology of Incarnation, reclaims the doctrine of the Incarnation and invites the embrace of a Christology that expands and includes. Farley wed an apophatic theology of divine mystery together with an account of God as eros and both integrated with a radical prophetic vision of inclusion so that no dichotomy exists between the mystical and the political. Farley recovers the vitality of the Incarnation for the wounded, the exiled, and those malnourished by the institutional church engaging such potent voices as Origen and John Scot Eriugena, along with feminists, womanists, and queer theology to weave a vision of the Body of Christ that can help heal the wounds that the category of heresy has inflicted. For those whose language and experience has been erased by the church, orthodoxy is exploded as “Gathering Those Driven Away” offers a Christological vision that shows us there is no place Christ is not.

Panelists:
Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary
Thomas E. Reynolds, School of Theology
Monica Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
Edward Farley, Vanderbilt University

Responding:
Wendy Farley, Emory University

M18-312

Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions
Friday, 4:30 pm–6:30 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 6
The Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions welcomes all scholars interested in the topic. The society membership discusses topics of mutual interest and offers non-monetary support for Native scholars in the Academy.
M18-313
Quaker Theological Discussion Group
Friday, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm
IC–Golden Gate
David Johns, Earlham School of Religion, Presiding
Theme: Important Quaker Journals: Elias Hicks and Allen Jay
The Journal of Elias Hicks and Dear Friend, edited by Paul Buckley
Introduction: Paul Buckley, Earlham School of Religion
Panelists:
- Stephen Angell, Earlham School of Religion
- Jim Le Shana, the Friends Center, the Haggard School of Theology
Responding:
- Paul Buckley, Earlham School of Religion
Discussion
Introduction: Joshua Brown, West Richmond Friends Meeting
Panelists:
- Carole Spencer, Earlham School of Religion
- Howard Macy, George Fox University
Responding:
- Joshua Brown, West Richmond Friends Meeting
Discussion

M18-307
Stone-Campbell International Journal Reception
Friday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm
MM–Nob Hill AB
Theme: A Conversation About God
- Mark Weedman, Crossroads Christian College
  The Trinitarian Theology of Hilary of Poitiers (Brill, 2007)
- Ronald Highfield, Pepperdine University
  Great is the Lord (Eerdmans, 2008)
SCJ invites friends and colleagues from all streams who identify with
the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement tradition for fellowship,
light refreshments, and interesting conversation. For additional
information contact William Baker (scjeditor@aol.com).

A18-302
Sustainability Reception in Honor of Rosemary Radford Ruether
Friday, 5:30 pm–7:30 pm
MM–Nob Hill C
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force and the Religion and Ecology Group
Please join us for a reception in honor of Rosemary Radford Ruether’s
seventy-fifth birthday. The reception will be sustainably catered,
following the day-long workshop of the Sustainability Task Force.
This reception will also mark the publication of Voices of Feminist
Liberation: Writings in Honor of Rosemary Radford Ruether (Equinox,
2012). The reception is made possible by a generous donation to the
Religion and Ecology Group.

M18-311
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Women of Color Reception
Friday, 6:00 pm–8:30 pm
HI–Powell A

P18-306
Adventist Society for Religious Studies
Friday, 6:00 pm–9:30 pm
Offsite
Theme: Dinner Meeting and Presidential Addresses with the Adventist Theological Society
Adventist Theological Society Presidential Address
- Stephen Bauer, Southern Adventist University
  Identity and Inclusivity
Adventist Society for Religious Studies Presidential Address
- Donn Leatherman, Southern Adventist University
  A Nation Without a State: Constituting the People of God in the Synoptic Gospels

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M18-314
Quaker Theological Discussion Group
Friday, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm
IC–Mission
Reception and Business Meeting (hosted by George Fox University)

M18-301
Status of LGBTQ Persons in the Profession Task Force Meeting
Friday, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm
Offsite
Melissa Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

A18-303
Islam and the Media Reception
Friday, 6:00 pm–7:30 pm
MM-Club Room
Sponsored by AAR and Religion Dispatches. Funded by a grant from the Social Sciences Research Council

P18-304
Feminist Studies in Religion Boards: Preconference
Friday, 6:00 pm–8:30 pm
MM-Sierra J

P18-400
European Society for Women in Theological Research
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
HI-Mason
Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Theme: Gender Differences, Ritual Practices, and Religious Traditions
Everyone is welcome to this panel discussion based on Teresa Berger’s new book, Gender Differences and the Making of Liturgical History (Ashgate 2011). For additional information, please contact Susanne Scholz at sscholz@smu.edu.
Panelists:
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
Karen Torjesen, Claremont Graduate University
Responding:
Teresa Berger, Yale University

Tony Blair Faith Foundation
Friday, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm
HI–Lombard
Theme: Faith and Globalisation Workshop – How to Teach Faith and Globalisation
While globalisation is inexorably bringing the world closer together, the role of religion in shaping and informing a multitude of globalisation processes is becoming increasingly complex.
The Tony Blair Faith Foundation’s “Faith and Globalization Initiative,” a partnership between Yale, McGill, Durham University, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Peking University, University of Western Australia, National University of Singapore, and University of Sierra Leone – Fourah Bay College, is committed to exploring a wide array of issues relating to this intersection through collaborative teaching, research and public events.
Are you interested in developing a Faith and Globalisation course at your own university? Would you like to learn more about this new interdisciplinary topic? This workshop will include presentations led by professors from several of the Faith and Globalisation Initiative’s Lead Universities detailing their different pedagogical and research approaches.
P18-401

Society for Hindu Christian Studies
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
HI-Yosemite A
Xavier Gravend-Tirole, University of Lausanne and Montreal, Presiding
Theme: Raimundo Panikkar’s Christological Contribution
Christopher Denny, St. John’s University
Purusha Sukta / Nirvana / Holy Saturday: Alternative Paths to Spiritual Kenosis
Erik Ranstrom, Boston College
I Discovered Myself a Hindu: The Promise and Problem of Raimon Panikkar as a Source of Hindu Self-Understanding
Bob Robinson, Laidlaw College
An Evangelical Protestant Appreciation of Panikkar
J. Jayakiran Sebastian, Lutheran Theological Seminary
Fragmented Selves, Fragments of the New Story: Panikkar and Dalit Christology
Responding:
Catherine Cornille, Boston College

P18-402

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
HI-Golden Gate 2
Theme: Reception To Honor the Life and Work of Stephen De Staebler
Presentations by Carin Jacobs of the Center for Religion and the Arts at the GTU and Diane Apostolos-Cappadona of Georgetown University. Featuring the Special Issue of ARTS Magazine, edited by Apostolos-Cappadona and supported by CARE. Open to the public.

P18-404

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Members’ Reception, Sponsored by Equinox Publishing
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
Restaurant Lulu, 816 Folsom Street, San Francisco

M18-400

American Association for the Advancement of Science Reception
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
HI-Yosemite B
Please join the Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion Program at AAAS, the world’s largest general scientific society, for refreshments and discussion. This event is co-sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

M18-401

The Word Made Fresh and Society of Evangelical Scholars
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
CC-2010
Don Thorsen, Presiding
Theme: Exploring the Life and Theology of Clark Pinnock
Sarah Pinnock, Trinity University
Reflections on Pinnock’s Life and General Influence
Scot McKnight, North Park University
Reflections on Pinnock’s Influence in Biblical Studies
Linda Mercadante, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
Reflections on Pinnock’s Influence in Social Issues
John Sanders, Hendrix College
Reflections on Pinnock and Open Theology
Roger Olson, University of Manitoba
Reflections on Pinnock and Evangelicalism

M18-408

Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
HI-Plaza Ballroom B

M18-405

Mysticism Group
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
HI-Van Ness
Theme: Screening of the Documentary “An Encounter with Simone Weil” a Revolutionary New Documentary by Julia Haslett
An Encounter with Simone Weil tells the story of French philosopher, activist, and Christian mystic Simone Weil (1909–1943), a woman Albert Camus described as “the only great spirit of our time.” The film explores the issue of moral responsibility and personal action against the backdrop of 21st-century America. Using Weil’s writings and teachings as a framework for her own experience, filmmaker Julia Haslett creates a moving portrait of an extraordinary young woman whose decision to live by her convictions proved that the quest to live a principled life is a journey we should all consider taking.

“An astonishing and revelatory piece of work.”
~Siân Miles, author of Simone Weil: An Anthology

“...this is a film for all those who question deeply and who realize that life, especially when perplexing, demands attention and generosity.”
~The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted, President of the American Weil Society

“...more than an insightful and beautifully crafted documentary...the film invites serious reflection on some of the most important and intractable elements of the human condition—I recommend it highly.”
~Dr. Vance G. Morgan, Professor of Philosophy, Providence College
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M18-409
Quaker Theological Discussion Group
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
IC–Golden Gate
Paul Anderson, George Fox University, Presiding
Theme: Quakers and Theism/Nontheism
Jeffrey Dudiak, Kings University College
Quakers and Theism
David Boulton, Independent Scholar
Quakers and Nontheism
Responding:
Patrick Nugent, Cincinnati, OH
Shannon Craigo-Snell, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Discussion

P18-406
Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet
Friday, 7:00 pm–9:30 pm
Jillian’s, 101 Fourth Street #170
John Davenport, Fordham University, Presiding
Keynote Speaker:
Timothy Jackson, Emory University

P18-405
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
Friday, 7:15 pm–9:00 pm
St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church
500 DeHaro Street, San Francisco 94107
Rev. Donald Schell, Presiding
Theme: Liturgical Practice, Traditional Learning Technologies, and the Science of Human Formation
This workshop in St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal’s purpose-built church will make an experiential foray into fresh uses of traditional practices of Christian and human formation for the liturgical assembly. We’ll use typical pre-literate strategies to engage together in singing, movement, silence, touch, and dance, reflecting together on our practice experience alongside neurological and evolutionary research in the science of human formation.

A18-401
Film: Journey of the Universe
Friday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM–Golden Gate A
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force, the Religion and Ecology Group, and the Forum on Religion and Ecology
Acclaimed author and evolutionary philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme shares his infectious curiosity about life’s biggest questions in the epic Journey of the Universe. This documentary film project, companion book, and 20-part educational series is a collaboration of Swimme and historian of religions Mary Evelyn Tucker. They weave a tapestry that draws together scientific discoveries in astronomy, geology, biology, ecology, and biodiversity with humanistic insights concerning the nature of the universe.
Using his skills as a masterful storyteller, Swimme connects such big picture issues as the birth of the cosmos — to the invisible frontiers of the human genome — as well as to our current impact on Earth’s evolutionary dynamics. From the Big Bang—to the epic impact humans have on the planet today — this film is designed to inspire a new and closer relationship with Earth in a period of growing environmental and social crisis.
Panelists:
Brian Swimme, California Institute of Integral Studies
Barbara Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary
Heather Eaton, St. Paul University

All are welcome to the workshop and light reception following. St. Gregory’s can be reached by MUNI. In addition, a bus will leave the convention area (limited availability; registration required) at 7:00 pm and leave the church around 9:00 pm.
For information on MUNI and bus transportation, including registration and departure details, please visit our webpage, http://sscs.press.jhu.edu/. If you have other questions, please contact Anita Houck, Secretary, at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.
A18–402

Film: Living Along the Fenceline
Friday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM–Nob Hill A
Kathryn Poethig, California State University, Monterey Bay, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Living Along the Fenceline, a ground breaking documentary by award-winning filmmaker Lina Hoshino, tells the stories of seven women whose lives have been affected by the US military presence in their backyards. Their individual journeys of strength and courage represent the unheard stories of myriad communities across the globe that live alongside US bases and bear tragic hidden costs to their land, culture, and spirit. Through the power of personal story this film also tells a wider story of the negative impacts of US bases on host communities. It shows the strength and creativity of women’s activism in challenging prevailing assumptions about military security. Living Along the Fenceline lifts up alternative ideas of peace and security, embedded in the work of grassroots women leaders who are acting on their visions and beliefs.

A18–403

Film: Highgate United: The Transformation of a Canadian Church
Friday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM–Nob Hill B
Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, and Ronald L. Grimes, Radboud University Nijmegen, Presiding

Sponsored by the Anthropology of Religion Group and the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Highgate United: The Transformation of a Canadian Church deals with the deconsecration and transformation of a rural, Canadian United Church. The film braids together the deconsecration service, stories told by members of the Church community, interviews, and a concert designed to re-launch the building as an arts and community centre.

The work is part of a larger project, titled Abandoned Sacred. After ritual sites are conceived, they grow, undergo transformations, and eventually die. Sometimes they are abandoned or recycled. Abandonment does not necessarily bring down the curtain on a place’s religious significance but can instead be the first act in a larger, longer social drama: a synagogue becomes a mosque; a Hopi kiva, the centre piece of a national park; a city-center church, a thriving pub. Like people, buildings can be converted, bringing about a sense of heightened emotion and dramatic transformation.

M18–406

Women, Interfaith and Peacemaking
Friday, 8:00 pm–10:30 pm
MM–Willow

Presenters:
Vincent Cornell, Emory University
Nelly van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University
Diane D’Souza, Suffolk University
Jeanine Hill-Fletcher, Fordham University
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Sharon Mar Adams, University of Colorado
Ronald Neal, Wake Forest University
Michael Trice, Seattle University

P18–403

Feminist Studies in Religion Reception
Friday, 8:30 pm–10:30 pm
MM–Nob Hill D

M18–403

Animals and Religion Friends and Scholars Reception
Friday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
MM–Yerba Buena 2

M18–404

Pluralism Project Reception
Friday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
CC–2011

Theme: World Religions and the Interfaith Infrastructure

You are invited to join us for our annual reception honoring Pluralism Project friends, affiliates, and advisors on the occasion of our 20th anniversary. This year’s program will feature a presentation of our pilot project, The Interfaith Infrastructure: Citizenship and Leadership in the Multi-Religious City. We will also highlight new features and content developed for On Common Ground: World Religions in America 2.0, the online edition of our award-winning publication developed by our 2010–2011 Postdoctoral Fellow Ryan Overbey, set to launch in 2012.

M18–411

University of Virginia Reception
Friday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI–Continental Ballroom 2
M19-2
Friends of China Academic Consortium Breakfast
Saturday, 7:30 am–9:00 am
HI-Mason
This is a networking event for those interested in China, its religion, philosophy and worldview.
We have have invited scholars from mainland China to share their academic work, as well as North American scholars to share their exchange experiences. CAC welcomes individuals, universities and seminaries to participate in a dialogue between academics in North America and China.

M19-3
Dialog Editorial Council
Saturday, 7:30 am–11:00 am
HI-Franciscan D

A19-3
Muir Woods Tour
Saturday, 8:00 am–11:00 am
Offsite-Meet at CC-Howard Street Exit
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force
After a short ride from San Francisco over the Golden Gate Bridge, you will be awed by one of the most magnificent Redwood forests in the world — Muir Woods. Early winter is one of the best times to visit Muir Woods — the weather is cool and rainy; and Redwood Creek is full and melodious.
You will travel by bus and have an opportunity to walk through the forest and explore this magnificent National Monument. Bring rain gear!

M19-4
Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Saturday, 8:00 am–10:30 am
IC-Sutter
Rita Sherma, Taksha University and ITBB, Presiding
Panelists:
Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley
Gerry Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Long Beach
Michael McLaughlin, St. Leo University
Morny Joy, University of Calgary
Responding:
Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan
M19-5

Council on Graduate Studies of Religion
Saturday, 8:00 am–1:30 pm
HI–Franciscan C

M19-8

Consortium of Christian Study Centers
Saturday, 8:30 am–11:30 am
HI–Yosemite C
Those involved with a Christian Study Center at their university or who are interested in finding out about Christian Study Centers can attend this meeting but must register with the office of the Consortium of Christian Study Centers, 1530 Rugby Avenue, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22903 (Phone 434-296-3333; email info@studycentersonline.org; website www.studycentersonline.org). Registration cost for the annual meeting depends on a variety of factors, which we will be happy to discuss with you. Please contact us; you are very welcome.

M19-9

Phoenix Rising Academy
Saturday, 8:30 am–12:30 pm
HI–Continental Ballroom 2
Theme: Demons In The Academy? Renouncing Rejected Knowledge, Again
Join us for a special session exploring the transdisciplinary options for balanced and integrative approaches to Western Esotericism, while drawing attention to issues relating to the focus on disinterested empiricism as the sole acceptable method for the study of these topics. Integrative models and approaches combining scholarly rigor with imaginative and sympathetic engagement have been long established in many areas of the humanities and social sciences. Yet the question of scholarly overengagement with their topic continues to be a point of contention, while voices calling for channels of dialogue and mutual understanding between scholars and practitioners in order to better explore the application and potentials of such epistemologies are frequently met with suspicion in academic circles. In this session we seek to explore ways to build bridges of fruitful communication and mutual understanding between seemingly disparate voices and perspectives.
Topics include:
• Legitimate ways of knowing: experiential knowledge and/or symbolic perception.
• How can we learn from each other? Bridging the practitioner-scholar divide
• Is history and discourse analysis enough?
• Paradigms for integration and applied transdisciplinary methodology
Details: www.phoenixrising.org/gr/events

A19-100

Special Topics Forum
CC–3004
Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Beyond Identity Politics
Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee
How do queer people move beyond identity-based politics, and how can or should we do so? This panel brings together five scholars and activists to offer their perspectives on this theme.
Panelists:
• Mari E. Castellanos, United Church of Christ
• Amanullah De Sondy, University of Miami
• Jasbir Puar, Rutgers University
• Sister Mora Lee D’Klined, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence
• Sister T’aint A. Virgin, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

A19-101

Special Topics Forum
IC–Intercontinental Ballroom A
Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding
Theme: The Mediterranean: Material Cultures and the Study of Religion — Understanding the Past
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee
This is one of a two-panel session inviting scholars familiar with the Mediterranean World to analyze the materiality of religion. Focusing either on the implications for understanding the past (Session 1) or for interpreting the present (Session 2), the panelists will examine the uses of material culture — including research that considers art, artifacts, archaeology, or architecture. Among the questions they will consider are the following: 1) What are the diverse functions of artifacts in religious life?; 2) How do artifacts allow the religious to imagine the past and construct collective identity?; 3) How do they orient devotees in space and time?; 4) How do they compete with other artifacts and, thereby, negotiate power as they make meaning? 5) What do we gain and lose by focusing on artifacts? In other words, what do they illuminate and obscure?; 6) To what extent are artifacts mute and in need of texts to give them voice? In that sense, what is the relation between materiality and textuality in religion?; and 7) How do literary texts function as material culture, and how does material culture function as text?
Panelists:
• Maria Del Mar Marcos Sanchez, Universidad de Cantabria
• Valeria Meirano, University of Turin
• Peter Machinist, Harvard University
A19-102

Special Topics Forum
MM-Willow
Michael Christensen, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Delicious Peace: Fair Trade, Religions, and the Academy
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force
As part of the AAR Sustainability Task Force’s focus on educating about sustainable food practices, and in recognition that San Francisco is a Fair Trade city, this session focuses on issues related to Fair Trade best practices. The international Fair Trade movement has involved over a million growers and countless consumers with its focus on ethical and environmentally-responsible economics. Religious groups have played an important role, both among the producers and in promoting Fair Trade products. This panel will present and discuss the award-winning film Delicious Peace (Mirembe Kawomera) Grows in a Ugandan Coffee Bean, which chronicles the Peace Kawomera cooperative with over 1,000 Jewish, Christian, and Muslim farmers/members. Panelists will also discuss Fair Trade and religious practice, the Fair Trade university movement, challenges that the Fair Trade movement faces, and the possible connections between the AAR and Fair Trade. This Special Topics Forum welcomes discussion on all the ways that the AAR can take a greater role in incorporating environmental sustainability efforts.
Panelists:
Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University
Paul Katzeff, Thanksgiving Coffee Company
David Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

A19-103

Special Topics Forum
MM-Yerba Buena 9
Michael Kessler, Georgetown University, Presiding
Theme: Scholars and the Public Representations of Islam in the United States: The Park 51 Mosque Controversy and the Peter King Hearings on the Radicalization of American Muslims
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee
This session focuses on the role of scholars — such as those consulted by reporters and government agencies — in shaping conversations about the public representations of Islam in the United States. Panels will discuss the issues involved in two major controversies: the proposed Park 51 Mosque near Ground Zero in Manhattan and the recent hearing by Representative Peter King, head of the Committee on Homeland Security, on “The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and that Community’s Response.” Panels will also discuss their own experiences as scholars in being questioned by the media and government agencies.
Panelists:
John L. Esposito, Georgetown University
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology
Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University
Jocelyne Cesari, Harvard University

A19-104

Special Topics Forum
IC-Howard
De Ane Lagerquist, St. Olaf College, Presiding
Theme: An Open Conversation about Departments, Programs, and Institutions
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee
This session is intended to provide new and continuing Department Chairs the space to explore the challenges and opportunities of their work, especially in the current context of shrinking funds and under-siege humanities programs.
Participants will: 1) Hear from present and former Chairs and consult with each other, and 2) Provide feedback on departmental needs and recommendations to the Academic Relations Committee as it contemplates its ongoing service to the discipline. Continental breakfast will be provided.
Panelists:
Steve Young, McHenry County College
Edwin David Aponte, New York Theological Seminary
Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College
David Harrington Watt, Temple University

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A19-105
Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Comparative Theology Group
CC-2010
Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College, Presiding
Theme: Art and Nontextual Media as Paradigms for Comparative Theology
Freek L. Bakker, Utrecht University
Rama and Jesus in Cinema: A Comparison
N. Frances Hioki, Sophia University
Mary-Kannon ( Avalokiteśvara) Statues and an Art of Comparative Theology
Miriam Perkins, Emmanuel School of Religion
Islamic Images of Jesus in the Chester Beatty Manuscript Collection: Visual Art as a Framework for Comparative Christology
Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College
The Beauty of Religions: Art Critical Theory for Comparative Theology
Responding:
Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union

A19-106
Christian Systematic Theology Section and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
CC-3008
C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University, Presiding
Theme: Christology and Kierkegaard
Emily Stetler, University of Notre Dame
Kierkegaardian Kenosis: Christological and Anthropological Self-emptying as Self-fulfillment
Carl Hughes, Emory University
Subversive Revelation: Kierkegaard on Unknowing Christ in Desire
Ian Panth, Baylor University, and Daniel Marrs, Baylor University
Beyond the God-Man?: Exploring Kierkegaard’s Christology in the Late Discourses
Jordan Rowan Fannin, Baylor University, and K. C. Flynn, Baylor University
From Paradox to Prototype: Christology as Belief and Imitation in Kierkegaard’s Christian Discourses (1848)

A19-107
Ethics Section
MM-Golden Gate C2
Felicia George, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver, Presiding
Theme: Howard Thurman’s Legacy for Contemporary Ethical Discourse
Daniel McKanan, Harvard University
Howard Thurman: A Mentor of the New Left

A19-108
Philosophy of Religion Section
CC-3006
Sarah Hammerschlag, Williams College, Presiding
Theme: Spinoza and Religion: New Perspectives
James Carter, Oxford University
Striving for New Perspectives: Spinoza and Contemporary Philosophy of Religion
Jenny Bunker, Roehampton University
Purifying Theological Concepts: The Philosophical Significance of the “TTP”
Daniel Barber, Marymount Manhattan College
The Conversion of Life: Religion and the Contemporaneity of Spinoza
Daniel Whistler, University of Oxford
Emendation as Spiritual Practice: On Spinoza and Cottingham
Responding:
Rocco Gangle, Endicott College

A19-109
Religion and the Social Sciences Section
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom B
Marie Marquardt, Agnes Scott College, Presiding
Chad Seales, University of Texas
Keep Clean, and Sweet, and Pure: From Material Religion to Material Morality
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Toward a Materialist Theory of Metanoia: Reconsidering an “Impoverished Theory of Religious Change”
Elaine Peña, George Washington University
The Materiality of Guadalupan Devotion: Micropractices, Embodied Action, and Space Production
Responding:
Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida
Saturday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

A19-110

Women and Religion Section
CC-3001
Karen Jo Torjesen, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Panelists:
   - Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
   - Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
   - Sylvia Marcos, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos, and Claremont Graduate University
   - Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University
Responding:
   - Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, and Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University

A19-111 (=S19-141)

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group and SBL Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Group
IC-Laurel Hill
Roland Boer, University of Newcastle, Presiding
Panelists:
   - James Harding, University of Otago
   - Erin Runions, Pomona College
   - Adam Kotsko, Shimer College
   - Hugh Pyper, University of Sheffield

A19-112

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
CC-3000
Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Presiding
Panelists:
   - Lisa Dahill, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
   - Peter Frick, University of Waterloo
   - Reinhard Krauss, Presbyterian Church
Responding:
   - Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Business Meeting:
   - Joel Lawrence, Bethel Seminary, Presiding

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A19-113

Buddhist Philosophy Group
CC-2007
John D. Dunne, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Dialetheism in Buddhist Philosophy
   - Edward Falls, Emory University
   - Modes of Apprehension in Tsong kha pa’s Use of Parameterization
   - Yanoslav Komarovski, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
   - Shifting Levels of Reality: Alternative Parameterization Strategies in Tibetan Buddhism
   - Constance Kassor, Emory University
   - Nonimplicative Negation and Paracongruence in Gorampa’s “Freedom from Conceptual Elaborations” (spros pa dang bral ba)
   - Koji Tanaka, University of Auckland
   - Contradictions in Dogen
Responding:
   - Jay Garfield, Smith College
Business Meeting:
   - Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago, Presiding

A19-114

Contemporary Islam Group and Middle Eastern Christianity Group
CC-2003
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Diversity in Practice: Christianity and Islam in the Middle East
   - Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
   - Interreligious Pilgrimages in Southern Turkey: Saint George/Khadrī, Material Culture, and the Transforming Agency of Local Sacrifice Rituals
   - Paula Schrode, Heidelberg University
   - Sharing the Umma: The Ritual-making of Communities in Translocal Muslim Spheres
   - Sarah Albrecht, Freie Universität, Berlin
   - Dār al-Islām Revisited: Concepts of Territoriality in the Context of Fiqh al-Aqalliyyāt
   - Alain Epp Weaver, University of Chicago
   - “If I Forget Thee, O Palestinian Jerusalem”: The Performance of Palestinian Unity Amidst Political Fragmentation
   - Christian Kroks, University of Scranton
   - Deir Mar Musa al-Habashi: A Contemporary Example of Christian-Muslim Encounter
Responding:
   - Magdi Guirguis, American University, Cairo
Sat., 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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**Gay Men and Religion Group**  
CC-3012

Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding  
**Theme:** *Scholars and Activists Talk Back: Responses to Mark Jordan’s Recruiting Young Love: How Christians Talk About Homosexuality (University of Chicago Press, 2011)*  

Panelists:  
- Elizabeth Leung, Pacific School of Religion  
- James Mitulski, New Spirit Community Church, Berkeley, CA  
- Penny Nixon, Congregational Church of San Mateo  
- Sharon Groves, Human Rights Campaign  
- Randall Miller, Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund and Pacific School of Religion  

Responding:  
- Mark Jordan, Harvard University  

Business Meeting:  
- J. Terry Todd, Drew University, Presiding

## A19-116

**Japanese Religions Group and New Religious Movements Group**  
MM-Golden Gate C1

Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma, Presiding  
**Theme:** *Renewing a New Religion in Japan: The Case of Shinnyo-en*  

Panelists:  
- Mark L. Blum, State University of New York, Albany  
- Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University  
- Victoria Rose Pinto, University of Southern California  
- Monika Schrumpf, Bayeuth University  

Responding:  
- Jamie Hubbard, Smith College

## A19-117

**Qur’an Group**  
CC-2005

Daniel A. Madigan, Georgetown University, Presiding  
**Theme:** *Qur’anic Exegesis Outside the Classical Tafsīr Genre*  

Panelists:  
- Sarra Tlili, University of Florida  
- Elliott Bazzano, University of California, Santa Barbara  
- Younus Mirza, Georgetown University  
- Isra Yazicioglu, Saint Joseph’s University  

Responding:  
- Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University

Business Meeting:  
- Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin, and Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

## A19-118

**Religion, Media, and Culture Group**  
IC-Telegraph Hill

Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado, Boulder, Presiding  
**Theme:** *Surveying Our Understanding of Digital Religion*  

Panelists:  
- Pauline Cheong, Arizona State University  
- Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
- Mia Lövheim, Karlstad University, Sweden, and University of Uppsala  
- Christopher Helland, Dalhousie University  

Responding:  
- Knut Lundby, University of Oslo

Business Meeting:  
- Jenna Tiitsman, Auburn Media and University of North Carolina, and Lynn Schofield Clark, University of Denver, Presiding

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Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
IC-Stockton
Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College, Presiding
Theme: Healing, Hegemony, and Making “Health”
Connor Wood, Boston University
Dancing with the Dark: Social Hierarchy and Models of Health in Korean Shamanism
Justin Stein, University of Toronto
Hidden Treasures: Reiki Masters’ Appeals to Vajrayana Buddhism
Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas
Magic Blankets and Angel Hugs: Grassroots Theologies of Healing in the Prayer Shawl Ministry Movement
Lance D. Laird, Boston University
Religious Health Assets of Urban “Black” Congregations: A Mosque, a Church, and a Neighborhood
Responding:
Brett Esaki, University of California, Santa Barbara

A19-120

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
CC-3018
Sharon Peebles Burch, Interfaith Counseling Center, Presiding
Theme: Ultimate Concern After the Post-Secular Age
John Robichaux, Harvard University
The Religiosity of the Secular and the Secularity of the Religious: Tillich, Murray, and Rawls
Daniel Miller, Mount Allison University
Ultimate Concern and Postmodern Theology: Two Competing Legacies
Adam Pryor, Graduate Theological Union
God as Still Living: An Analysis of Paul Tillich’s Concept of the Divine Life in Light of Mark Taylor’s Infnitization of the Finite
Business Meeting:
Russell Re Manning, University of Cambridge, Presiding

A19-121

World Christianity Group
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom C
Jayachitra Lalitha, Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Women, Theological Education, and Pastoral Formation in World Christianity
Adelaide Boadi, Drew University
Beyond the “Rocking of Cradles” — Christianity’s Unsung Heroines: The Case of Ghana/West Africa
William Yoo, Emory University
Battle Hymn of a Korean Tiger Mother: Theological Education and Christian Formation in the Life and Writings of Kim Hwa-lan (Activist, Educator, Liberationist, and Methodist)
Katie Schubert, Claremont Graduate University
Cambodian Women Pastor Training: Empowerment or Colonization?
Sathianathan Clarke, Wesley Theological Seminary
Dalit Theological Education: Feminist, Postcolonial, and Inner-colonial Perspectives
Responding:
Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Jane Carol Redmont, Guilford College, Presiding

A19-122

Religion and the Literary in Tibet Seminar
MM-Yerba Buena 8
Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: Religion and the Literary in Tibet Seminar, Year Two: Poetry, Eleventh to Thirteenth Centuries
Lara Braitsstein, McGill University
Kye ho!: Translation, Genre, and the Poetics of Phyag Chen
Jonathan Gold, Princeton University
Sakya Pandita’s Introduction to Poetics
Panelists:
Benjamin Bogin, Georgetown University
José I. Cabezaón, University of California, Santa Barbara
Bryan J. Cuevas, Florida State University
Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley
Brandon Dotson, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
Frances Garrett, University of Toronto
David Germano, University of Virginia
Janet Gyetso, Harvard University
Roger Jackson, Carleton College
Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University
Nancy Lin, Dartmouth College
Jann Ronis, University of Virginia
Antonio Terrone, Northwestern University
Nicole Willock, University of Denver
Carl Yamamoto, Towson University
Business Meeting:
Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding

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African Diaspora Religions Group

MM-Nob Hill A
Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding

Theme: From "Double Consciousness" to the "Black Atlantic": Theorizing the African Diaspora and African Diaspora Subjectivities

Torin Alexander, Saint Olaf College
_African Diaspora Subjectivities and Religious Experience: The Pursuit of Wholeness_

Karyna Do Monte, Boston University
_Brazilian Candomble Meets Ecology: A Samba Plot in the Rio de Janeiro Carnival_

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami
_Translator of the Afro-Cuban Religious World: Lydia Cabrera_

Mary Diggin, Pacifica Graduate Institute
_Damballah and Maman Brigitte: The Irish Influence on Vodou Lwas_

Responding:
Charles Long, Chapel Hill, NC

Business Meeting:
Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding

A19-124

Buddhism in the West Group

CC-2006
Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Alfred University, Presiding

Theme: Buddhism in the West: Past and Present

Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barabara
_Through the Eyes of Daibutsu: Early Popular American Perceptions of Buddhism_

Jørn Borup, Aarhus University
_Cultural Buddhism and Spiritual Buddhism: Religion, Ethnicity, and the Subjective Turn_

Constance A. Jones, California Institute of Integral Studies, and J. Gordon Melton, Institute for the Study of American Religion
_Transitions in American Buddhist Demographics from the 2010 Buddhist Census_

Ann Gleig, Millsaps College
_“This Could Only Happen in California”: Dharma Diversity and Queer Buddhist Utopias at the East Bay Meditation Center_

Laura Harrington, Wesleyan University
_Exercising the Mandala: Evangelical Christian “Warriors” and the Kalachakra Tantra_

Business Meeting:
David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

A19-125

Christianity and Academia Group

CC-3010
Darby Kathleen Ray, Millsaps College, Presiding

Theme: The Role of Theology in the Shape of the Academy

Lake Lambert, Mercer University
_Theologies of Academic Freedom_

Elissa McCormack Cutter, Saint Louis University
_A Historical Theologian Among Historians: A Case Study of the Revolt of the Vendéens_

Anthony Mansueto, University of Alaska, Southeast
_Towards a Theology of Administration: An Interfaith Approach_

Matthew Moser, Baylor University
_Incarnational Logic and the Revitalization of the Humanities_

Business Meeting:
David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding

A19-126 (=S19-135)

Cognitive Science of Religion Group and SBL Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Group

CC-3016
Frances Flannery, James Madison University, Presiding

Theme: Responses to Colleen Shantz’s Paul in Ecstasy: The Neurobiology of the Apostle’s Life and Thought (Cambridge University Press, 2009)

Pieter Craffert, University of South Africa
_Is It Really Silly to Call Paul a Shaman?: A Constructive Engagement with Colleen Shantz’s Paul in Ecstasy: The Neurobiology of the Apostle’s Life and Thought (Cambridge University Press, 2009)_

Michael L. Spezio, Scripps College
_Neuroscientific Inference in New Testament Studies: Can Paul, and “Paul’s Brain,” Be Reembodied this Way?_

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
_New Approaches to the Psychology of Experience_

Rodney Werline, Barton College
_Parsing Possibilities for Moving from Ancient Text to Experience_

Responding:
Colleen Shantz, Toronto School of Theology
Saturday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

A19-127  New!  ⭐
Contemplative Studies Group
CC-2012
Harold D. Roth, Brown University, Presiding
Theme: Shaping the Field of Contemplative Studies
Doug Oman, University of California, Berkeley
Similarity in Diversity?: Four Shared Features of Contemplative Practice Systems
Christopher Kelley, Columbia University
Empathy, Altruism, and the Self: The Abnormal Moral Psychology of the Bodhicaryāvatāra
Matthew Haar Farris, Graduate Theological Union
Resuscitating Philosophy as Contemplative Practice: Pierre Hadot and the History of Western Philosophy as a Spiritual Exercise
Jared Lindahl, Indiana University–Purdue University
Problems and Prospects in the Cognitive Science of Contemplative Traditions
Brock Bingaman, Wesleyan College
Contemplative Common Ground: John Cassian and Al-Ghazali on the Mystical Life
Responding:
Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University
Business Meeting:
Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego, and Anne C. Klein, Rice University, Presiding

A19-128  New!  ⭐
Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Group
MM-Yerba Buena 12
John L. Jackson, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Theme: Salvation for Sale: Hip-Hop as Religious Commodity
Wilfred Gomez, University of Pennsylvania
I Never Prayed to God, I Prayed to Gotti; Jesus Pieces, Jesus' People, and the Religious Quest for Critical Distance in Hip-Hop
Devin Singh, Yale University
Irreplaceable?: Beyoncé, Hip-Hop, and the Logic of Commodification
Biko Gray, Rice University
Selling Salvation: A Phenomenology of Hip-Hop’s Manufacturing of Religious Materials
Ebony Utley, California State University, Long Beach
The Jesus Piece
Responding:
Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama
Business Meeting:
Christopher Driscoll, Rice University
Monica Miller, University of Pennsylvania

A19-129
Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group
IC-Nob Hill
Lara Medina, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Theme: Religion at the Corner of Bliss and Nirvana: Politics, Identity, and Faith in New Migrant Communities (Duke University Press, 2009), Authors Meet Critics
Panelists:
Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Responding:
Lois Ann Lorentzen, University of San Francisco
Kevin Chun, University of San Francisco
Jay Gonzalez, University of San Francisco
Luis Leon, University of Denver
Business Meeting:
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

A19-130
Mormon Studies Group
IC-Grand Ballroom A
Colleen McDanell, University of Utah, Presiding
Theme: Mormon Women and Modernity
Ann Duncan, Goucher College
The Mommy Wars, Mormonism, and the “Choices” of American Motherhood
Jennifer Meredith, University of Utah
Western Pioneer Mythos in the Negotiation of Mormon Feminism and Faith
Jill Peterfeso, University of North Carolina
Scripting, Performing, Testifying: Giving Faithful “Seximony” through The Mormon Vagina Monologues
Doe Daughtrey, Arizona State University
“Further Light and Knowledge”: Ways of Knowing in Mormonism and the New Spirituality
Responding:
R. Marie Griffith, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
James M. McLachlan, Western Carolina University
Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University

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Religion in Southeast Asia Group
IC-Cathedral Hill
Jason Carbine, Whittier College, Presiding

Theme: Southeast Asian Religion in Two Perspectives: Women and Colonialism

Douglas Irvin, Rutgers University; Kunthy Seng, Documentation Center of Cambodia; and Samphoas Huy, Rutgers University

Rebirth and the Golden Lotus: Midwives and the Reconciliation of Cambodia after the Khmer Rouge Genocide

Cuong Mai, University of Vermont

Avalokiteśvara Bodhisattva (Quan Âm) in Medieval Vietnam: Rhetorical and Ritual Contestation in the Realm of Women's Religions

Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside

"Verandahs of Mecca and Medina": Colonialism and Islamic Knowledge in South Sulawesi and Kelantan

Erik Braun, University of Oklahoma

Responding:
John Clifford Holt, Bowdoin College

Business Meeting:
Jason Carbine, Whittier College, Presiding

A19-132

Religion, Memory, History Group
MM-Sierra H
Gina Cogan, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: Devotion, Coercion, Restoration: Community and Memory in Asia and Eastern Europe

Jon Keune, Columbia University

"Sant" to Social Reformer and Back Again: The Changing Portrayals of Eknath on the Twentieth Century Marathi Stage and Screen

Wilburn Hansen, San Diego State University

Changing Cultural Memories of a Divine Writing System

Denise Thorpe, Duke University

Memory on Fire: Death and Re-Membering the Lithuanian Body (Politic)

Dragos Stoica, Concordia University

From "Autobiographical Animal" to the "Beast in Human Form": The Totalitarian Model of Forced Autobiography and Public Confession of Sins — A Case Study of the Pitești Phenomenon 1949–1951

Responding:
Björn Krondorfer, Saint Mary’s College, Maryland

Business Meeting:
David Reinhart, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, and Yuki Miyamoto, De Paul University, Presiding

A19-133

Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Group
MM-Yerba Buena 3
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding

Theme: Engagement of Bhagavad Gita and Chinese Thought

Alexus McLeod, University of Dayton

Moral Personhood and Roles in the Analects and Bhagavad Gita

Ithamar Theodor, Chinese University, Hong Kong

The Chinese Term "Ren" Compared to the Indian Term "Sattva" According to the Bhagavad Gita

David Kratz Mathies, Missouri Western State University

Shining Heaven’s Light on the Qualities of Maya: The Purpose and Pursuit of Equanimity in the Bhagavad Gita and the Zhuangzi

John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University

The Bhakta and the Sage

Michael Allen, Harvard University

Devotion and Knowledge in the Bhagavad Gita: A Suggestive Parallel from Chinese Buddhism

Responding:
Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University

Business Meeting:
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, and Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding

A19-134

Sikh Studies Group
MM-Yerba Buena 14
Karen Leonard, University of California, Irvine, Presiding

Theme: Sikh Identity Politics: Text and Community

Charles Preston, University of Chicago

The Rāmavṛtē in the Dasam Granth and Modernity: Politics, Vernaculars, and Multivocality

Randi Clary, University of California, Santa Barbara

Gender and Sikh Reform in the Tracts of Bhai Vir Singh

Simran Singh, Columbia University

Farid Bani: Sufi Verses in Early Sikh Literature

Katy Sian, University of Leeds

Understanding Inter-Asian Conflict: Sikhs and Muslims in the Diaspora

Responding:
Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University

Business Meeting:
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding

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Theology and the Political Group and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group
MM-Yerba Buena 2
Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: *The Struggle is Our School: What the San Francisco Hospitality Industry Can Teach Us about the Possibilities for Social Transformation*
Panelists:
  - Adam Barnes, Union Theological Seminary
  - Charon Hribar, Drew University and Union Theological Seminary
  - Israel Alvaran, Graduate Theological Union

A19-136
Publications Committee Meeting
MM-Sierra G
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding

A19-137
Historic Castro District Tour
Oftsite-Meet at CC-Howard Street Exit
Explore a diverse neighborhood that you only thought you knew. You will walk through the area taking in the sights and sounds of the lively and ever-changing Castro/Eureka Valley neighborhood. What were once dairy farms and dirt roads is now one of the city's most vibrant and cohesive communities, saturated with popular and stylish shops, restaurants, and bars. Some of the highlights of the Castro/Eureka Valley tour will include Harvey Milk Plaza, Pink Triangle Memorial Park, and the famous Castro Theatre. Those who wish may also tour the GLBT History Museum for an additional $5 admission fee. You will ride public transportation as a group to the Castro neighborhood.

P19-101
Association of Practical Theology
PW-Cyril Magnin III
Theme: *Practical Theology Online: Issues in Pedagogy and Formation*
Jeffery Tribble, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding
  - Marilyn Naidoo, University of South Africa
  - Spiritual Formation through Distance Education in Developing Contexts
  - Melinda McGarrah Sharp and Mary Ann Morris, Phillips Theological Seminary
  - Virtual Empathy? Assessing Authentic Connections and Real Conflicts in Teaching and Learning Pastoral Care Online
  - Mary Hess, Luther Seminary
  - A New Culture of Learning: What are the Implications for Theological Education?
Responding:
  - Israel Galindo, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond

P19-102
Colloquium on Violence and Religion
PW-Fillmore
Theme: *Book Discussions*
COV&R is an international association founded in 1990 which is dedicated to the exploration, criticism, and development of René Girard's mimetic model of the relationship between violence and religion in the genesis and maintenance of culture.
9:00 am-10:10 am Charles Bellinger's, *The Trinitarian Self: The Key to the Puzzle of Violence*
Panelist:
  - Charles Bellinger, Brite Divinity School
Responding:
  - Jim Fodor, St. Bonaventure University
10:10 am–10:20 am Break
10:20 am–11:30 am Anthony Bartlett’s *Virtually Christian: How Christ Changes Human Meaning and Makes Creation New*
Panelist:
  - Anthony Bartlett, Theology and Peace
Responding:
  - Diana Pasulka, University of North Carolina
P19-105
North American Association for the Study of Religion
HI-Yosemite A
Thomas Tweed, University of Texas, Presiding
Theme: The "Evidence" of Religion in North America: A Roundtable
Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee
The Good, the Bad, the (Un)Dead: The Klan, Zombies, and the Problem of Legitimate Evidence
Lauren F. Winner, Duke University
Reading Recipes for Religion: Cookbooks and the Sensory History of American Religion
Jennifer Hughes, University of California, Riverside
The Object as Evidence in American Religion
Laura Levitt, Temple University
Juridical Evidence and the Question of History, Or Justice and Empiricism

P19-106
Polanyi Society
HI-Taylor
Theme: The Moral Person—Psychology, Neuroscience, and Polanyi

P19-107
Psychology, Culture, and Religion
HI-Continental Ballroom 3
Kathleen Bishop, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Business Meeting/Works in Progress

P19-108
Society for Buddhist Christian Studies
IC-Union Square
Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Presiding
Theme: Christian Readings of Buddhist Texts
This panel provides a critical look at the theological and buddhalogical issues raised when Christians and Buddhists read one another's religious texts.
Catherine Cornille, Boston College
Reading the Religious Other
Leo Lefebure, Georgetown University
Reading the Dhammapada
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Reading (Inter)religiously as a Theologically Necessary Act
11:00 am–11:30 am Business Meeting

P19-109
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
MM-Yerba Buena 15
Ann Astell, University of Notre Dame, President-elect, Presiding
Theme: Presidential Address and Business Meeting
9:00 am 2011 Presidential Address
Janet Ruffing, Yale University
Spiritual Identity and Narrative: Fragmentation, Coherence, and Transformation
10:30 am Business Meeting
All are welcome. For more information, please visit the SSCS website, sscs.press.jhu.edu, or contact Anita Houck, Secretary, at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.

P19-110
La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion
Saturday, 9:00 am–10:30 am
HI-Yosemite B
Efrain Agosto, Hartford Seminary, Presiding
In this panel and workshop, the participants will offer advice about how to apply for grants and fellowships along with providing concrete information about grant and fellowship opportunities currently available for scholars working on U.S. Latino/a Religions and Latin American Religions.
Panelists:
Stephen R. Graham, Director of Faculty Development and Grants, Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
James W. Lewis, Director, Louisville Institute for the Study of American Religion
Paul O. Myhre, Associate Director, Wabash Center for Teaching in Theology and Religion
Gaston Espinósá, Cesar Chavez Dissertation Year Fellowship Program, Dartmouth College

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P19-137
Society of Christian Ethics
HI-Continental Ballroom 4
Richard Hays, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Spirit, Scripture, Ethics: Pneumatological Engagements with Knotty Ethical Issues Part I
This is the first of two SCE Themes offering pneumatological explorations of the intersection of Scripture and ethics. Ethicists and exegetes offer constructive proposals and display their entailments for one particular ‘knotty’ ethical issue.
Discussion following the papers will be actively directed by the Theme moderator in order to stimulate conversation across disciplinary boundaries.
Paul Jersild, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Biblical/Ethical Reflections on the Enspirited Life
Katherine Grieb, Virginia Theological Seminary
“The Lord is the Spirit”: The Location of Freedom in the Spirit of the Lord
Paul Alexander, Eastern University
Jesus (mis)Shaped and Spirit (dis)Empowered: Christomorphic Nonviolence from one White Male’s Perspective

P19-191
Karl Barth Society of North America
Saturday, 9:00 am–10:30 am
CC-3005
George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Book Panel Discussion: Paul D. Molnar, Thomas F. Torrance: Theologian of the Trinity (Ashgate, 2009)
Panelists:
Gary Deddo, InterVarsity Press
Ivor Davidson, University of St. Andrews
Alan J. Torrance, University of St. Andrews
Responding:
Paul D. Molnar, St. John’s University, New York

P19-192
Niebuhr Society
MM-Club Room
John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding
Theme: Reinhold Niebuhr and the Economic Order
Christopher Evans, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
Ties That Bind: The Christian Economics of Walter Rauschenbusch and Reinhold Niebuhr
Thomas Ogletree, Yale University
Facilitating Human Freedoms and Constraining Persistent Abuses: Reinhold Niebuhr’s Quest for Balance in the Public Oversight of Market Economies
Scott Paeth, DePaul University
The Great Recession: Some Niebuhrian Reflections
Business Meeting

P19-193
Society for Pentecostal Studies
HI-Golden Gate 6
April Westbrook, Vanguard University of Southern California, Presiding
Theme: Charismatic Perspectives on the Hebrew Bible
Rickie Moore, Lee University
Old Testament Apocalyptic and the Beginning and End of Wisdom
Rich Israel, Vanguard University of Southern California
Spirit, Wind and Fire: Agents of Divine Presence in Numbers 11
Willie Wessels, University of South Africa
True and False Prophecy: A Perspective from the Book of Jeremiah

M19-115
Theology for the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Saturday, 9:00 am–10:30 am
MM–Pacific E
Theme: The Future of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Presbyterian Church (USA) pastors and scholars are invited to this session dedicated to doing theology for the church. How can we think biblically and theologically about our denomination’s future? Will there be denominations at all? Should there be? What place ought denominational structure play in the future church.
Panelists:
Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of the 218th General Assembly and founding pastor of Mission Bay Presbyterian Church
Amy Plantinga Pauw, Henry P. Mobley Professor of Doctrinal Theology at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Charles Wiley, Associate Director for Theology Worship and Education of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
The panel will offer presentations, which will be engaged in discussion by the panel, other invited respondents, and those in attendance. Presbyterian Scholars are also invited to attend the Westminster John Knox Press reception later during the annual meeting. For further information: Catherine Reuning, Office of Theology and Worship, (888) 728-7228 x5732, catherine.reuning@pcusa.org.

**M19-100**

**Theopoetics Working Group**
Saturday, 9:00 am–11:00 am
HI-Executive Boardroom
The theopoetics working group will gather to address implications and applications of poetic perspectives in the field of theology. Does the use of poetics in theological reflection yield slippery language or does it allow for greater engagement with robust, embodied experiences? Papers will be shared in advance and will be available on theopoetics.net. All are welcome.

**M19-102**

**Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum**
HI-Plaza Ballroom A
Theme: *The Prophetic Role of Anabaptism in the Academy, the Church and the World*
Hosted by Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary (formerly MBBS) and Fresno Pacific University Biblical and Religious Studies Division
Presenters:
- Miguel A. de la Torre, Iliff School of Theology
- Greg A. Camp, Fresno Pacific University
Additional presenter to be confirmed.
Business Meeting: Formation of program committee for future forums. More information/nominations to Jeremy Bergen at jbergen@uwaterloo.ca.

**M19-103**

**Sopher Press**
HI-Golden Gate 2
Mari Kim, University of Washington, Presiding
Theme: *Empire and Religious Transformation: A Cross-Cultural Conversation*
9:30 Panel and Discussion
- Nathaniel S. Murrell, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
  *Chanting Down Babylon with a 400-year Old Colonial Text: KJV, Reggae-Rasta Identity and Subversive Reconstruction*
- Sharada Sugirthrajah, University of Birmingham
  *Hinduism and Colonialism*
- Franz Kogelmann, University of Bayreuth
  *Sacred Spaces of Muslim Communities in Durban—Preliminary Research Result*

**M19-104**

**American Association for the Advancement of Science**
Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 8
Theme: *Seminaries and Science: From Principles to Practice*
Please join us for a lively exploration of the role of science in theological education as we seek to inform tomorrow’s clergy. Presentations by top scientists will be followed by small and large group discussions about moving forward with this endeavor. Emphasis will be on practical solutions with special attention to core courses. Participants may also join us at the related panel discussion, Seminaries and Science: Challenges and Opportunities, on Friday afternoon. This event is sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

**P19-104a**

**Adventist Society for Religious Studies**
Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
Offsite
Theme: *Gates and Walls: Inclusivity and Exclusivity and the People of God Part IV*

**M19-105**

**Society for the Study of Anglicanism**
Saturday, 9:00 am–12:30 pm
HI-Golden Gate 4
Theme: *Christianity, Politics, Nationhood and Society*
The Center for Anglican Communion Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary and Ripon College Cuddesdon partner each year to host the annual Society for the Study of Anglicanism meeting. The Society is a research-led body that is committed to excellence in promoting the study of Anglicanism. The scholarly presentations inform dynamic discussions on varied topics. Martyn Percy and Rob Slocum serve as Co-Conveners of the Society.
This year’s topic is *Christianity, Politics, Nationhood and Society.*
Professor Grace Davie, University of Exeter Professor of Sociology, will present the main paper *Evolving Establishment: Challenges and Opportunities,* Using the Church of England as a test case, this paper will look at the challenges and opportunities brought about by changes in the English/European context. Dr. Paula Nesbitt, Visiting Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, will offer a shorter paper entitled, *Ministry in Occupational Transformation: Challenges and Opportunities for the Church in a Time of Trial.* This paper examines changes in ministry in the (U. S.) Episcopal Church brought on by growing economic constraints and demographic change over the latter half of the twentieth century. The presentations of papers will be followed by responses, general discussion, and a reception. All are welcome.
**Saturday, 9:00 am–11:30 am**

### A19-140

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Saturday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

MM-Pacific C

Leah Payne, Vanderbilt University, and Tim Lin, Regent University, Presiding

**Theme:** Finding a Delicate Balance in Graduate Studies: Trans-cultural Conversations

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

Can we excel in our graduate studies and still enjoy life? This one-hour forum explores how students balance graduate schoolwork with other life commitments. Let’s love life and people even as we devour monographs, write book reviews, and present papers!

### P19-111

**Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies**

Saturday, 10:00 am–11:30 am

HI-Franciscan A

**Theme:** Poetry, Art, and Inclusion: Presentation by Poet Jane Hirshfield

Jane Hirshfield, award-winning poet and essayist, explores art as a borderland of the imagination and poetry as an attentive way of indwelling our lives. Open to the public. Book signing to follow.

### P19-190

**Christian Theological Research Fellowship**

Saturday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

HI-Golden Gate 1

**Theme:** Sarah Coakley’s God, Sexuality, and the Self: An Essay On the Trinity (CUP, 2011)

Therese Lyssaught, Marquette University, Presiding

This session will discuss Sarah Coakley’s forthcoming and much-anticipated publication, *God, Sexuality, and the Self: An Essay On the Trinity* (CUP, 2011), the first installment of her highly anticipated four-volume systematic theology.

**Panelists:**
- Alan Padgett, Luther Seminary
- Danielle Nussberger, Marquette University

**Responding:**
- Sarah Coakley, Cambridge University

**Business Meeting:**
- Bernie Van De Walle, Ambrose University College, Presiding

### M19-106

**Study of Islam Section**

Saturday, 10:00 am–11:30 am

HI-Continental Ballroom 1

**Theme:** Charles J. Adams (1924–2011) and the Study of Islam at AAR

Colleagues and students of Charles J. Adams (1924–2011) gather to commemorate this eminent scholar of Islam, to evaluate his legacy and to discuss the status of the study of Islam at AAR over the past several decades.

### M19-107

**Art/s of Interpretation Group**

Saturday, 10:00 am–12:30 pm

PW-Mission I

**Theme:** Symbolic Worlds in Collision: Environment and Religion in a Postcolonial World

Phil Arnold, Syracuse University, Presiding

- Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College
  *The Symbolism of Country: Australian Perspectives on Land*

- Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Farmington
  *Ideology as Religious Symbol: Louis Riel’s Trial Speeches, 1885*

- Jonathan B. Edelmann, Mississippi State University
  *Problems in Representing the Land During the British Raj*

- Patrizia Granziera, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelo-Cuernavaca Mexico
  *The Virgin Immaculate Catholic Images and Spiritual Conquest in Mexico and South India*

- Jason Busic, Saint Michael’s College
  *Conflict and Convivencia: Al-Andalus and Hispania as Religious Symbol*

**Responding:**
- Lisa Poirier, DePaul University

### P19-114

**La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion**

Saturday, 10:30 am–12:00 pm

HI-Yosemite B

Gaston Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College, Presiding

**Theme:** Annual Reception and Meeting

This meeting will discuss important updates on U.S. Latino Religions, the Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI), the Hispanic Summer Program (HSP), and the AAR, elect new La Comunidad officers, set the agenda for the 2012–2013 year, and discuss the La Comunidad LifeTime Achievement Awards. This will also be a wonderful time of fellowship and reconnecting with scholars working on Latino/a religions. We will also celebrate Otto Maduro’s appointment as President–Elect of the AAR.

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**Symbol Key:**

- AAR Award Winners
- Business Meeting
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Especially for Students
- Focus on the Mediterranean
- Focus on California
- Focus on Empire and Religion
- Films
- New/ New Program Unit
- Professional Practices and Institutional Location Sessions
- Receptions and Breakfasts
- Sustainability and Religion
- Tours
- Wildcard Sessions
M19-108

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Saturday, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
IC-Sutter
Theme: Bhakti and Yoga
Brian Black, Lancaster University, Presiding
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  Yoga in the Upanishads
  Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University
  Yoga and Bhakti: Married or Divorced?
  Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Kṛṣṇa Bhakti and Classical Yoga: The Gaudyana Challenge to Patañjali
  David L. Haberman, Indiana University
  The Place of Emotions in Yoga: Suppression or Expression?
  Jonathan Edelmann, Mississippi State University
  By the Grace of God: Bhakti-Yoga as Unobtainable by Personal Effort
  Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i
  Yoga . . . for God’s Sake
  Christopher Key Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
  California Dreaming: Bhakti Fest in Joshua Tree, 2011

M19-109

Reform in Islamic Thought: Challenges and Prospects
Saturday, 11:00 am–1:00 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 9
Abdul Karim Soroush, Presiding
The work of Professor Abdul Karim Soroush on Islamic reform, and more recently on Quranic hermeneutics, has raised much discussion mostly inside Iran and to a lesser extent in Afghanistan and the Arabic speaking world. His Expansion and Contraction of Religious Knowledge (1989) has dominated the discourse of religious as well as political reform in Iran. In this session, panelists will engage the line of reform that he has advocated over the past three decades.
Panelists:
  Forough Jahanbakhsh, Queens University, Canada
  Mahmoud Sadri, Texas Women’s College
  Arash Naraghi, Moravian College
Responding:
  Ahmad Sadri, Lake Forest College
  Hossein Kamaly, Columbia University

M19-110

Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology
Saturday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
HI-Sutter B
Theme: Mormonism and Peace
James McLachlan, Western Carolina University, Presiding
  Patrick Mason, Claremont Graduate University
  Religion, Violence, and the State: A Mormon Argument
Responding:
  Robert Rees, Graduate Theological Union

M19-113

Christian Scholarship Foundation Luncheon
Saturday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
MM-Golden Gate A

M19-114

Wesley Works Board Meeting Luncheon
Saturday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
MM-Pacific D

A19-138

Plenary Address
Saturday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 9
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: Walking with the Unmourned
“What is it that makes both talks and silences stained with shame? Sometimes the mind freezes and the heart goes on fasting: name, nation, identity, citizenship disappear. With every step, the world comes to the walker, and all around, on the immense screen of life, every event speaks.” In the dense jungle of events, doings, and happenings, history comes in interrelated fragments to be sniffed out, tracked, swallowed, held on, or vomited while walking for survival. The spirit of the walk has led the writer to a whole tradition of independent walkers in ancient Asia, at the same time as it provides her with a link to struggles around the world, more specifically to the transnational struggles of women in the U.S., Argentina, Mexico, China and Tibet.
Panelists:
  Trinh T. Minh-Ha, University of California, Berkeley

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A19-139

Special Topics Forum
Saturday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 5-6
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding
Theme: LGBTQ Mentoring Lunch
Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee
All students and junior scholars who identify outside of normative gender histories and/or sexualities are welcome to join us for an informal lunch. No fee or preregistration is required; please bring your own lunch.
Mentors:
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
Horace Griffin, Pacific School of Religion
W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary
Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College
Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion
Mark Jordan, Harvard University
Helene T. Russell, Christian Theological Seminary
Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University
Traci C. West, Drew University
Heather White, New College of Florida

P19-115

North American Association for the Study of Religion Business Meeting
Saturday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
HI-Yosemite A

M19-112

Tony Blair Faith Foundation
Saturday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm
HI-Powell
Theme: Human Rights and Religious Minorities Working Lunch
While globalisation is bringing the world closer together, the role of religion in shaping and informing a multitude of globalisation processes is becoming increasingly complex. The Tony Blair Faith Foundation’s “Faith and Globalization Initiative,” a partnership between Yale University, McGill University, Durham University, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Peking University, University of Western Australia, National University of Singapore, and University of Sierra Leone – Fourah Bay College, is committed to exploring a wide array of issues relating to this intersection through collaborative teaching, research and public events.

The question of the human rights of religious minorities is one of pressing immediate concern for most societies, yet it is also widely misunderstood by the public. What does it mean for societies to provide reasonable accommodation for religious groups whose customs might challenge prevailing social and civic commitments? This Theme will address this question and more.

A19-200

Special Topics Forum
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom A
Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida, Presiding
Theme: The Mediterranean: Material Cultures and the Study of Religion — Interpreting the Present
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee
This is one of a two-panel session inviting scholars familiar with the Mediterranean World to analyze the materiality of religion. Focusing either on the implications for understanding the past (Session 1) or for interpreting the present (Session 2), the panelists will examine the uses of material culture — including research that considers art, artifacts, archaeology, or architecture.

Among the questions they will consider are the following: 1) What are the diverse functions of artifacts in religious life? 2) How do artifacts allow the religious to imagine the past and construct collective identity?; 3) How do they orient devotees in space and time?; 4) How do they compete with other artifacts and, thereby, negotiate power as they make meaning? 5) What do we gain and lose by focusing on artifacts? In other words, what do they illuminate and obscure?; 6) To what extent are artifacts mute and in need of texts to give them voice? In that sense, what is the relation between materiality and textuality in religion?; and 7) How do literary texts function as material culture, and how does material culture function as text?
Panelists:
Yucel Demirer, Kocaeli University
Yael Munk, Open University of Israel
Magdi Guirguis, American University, Cairo
David Morgan, Duke University
Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota

A19-201
Special Topics Forum
MM-Yerba Buena 15
Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University, Presiding
Theme: Student Town Hall Meeting — Stepping Stones: Finding Your Footing in the Academy
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee
Comprising one-third of the total AAR membership, student members bring innovative scholarship and fresh ideas to the table, but navigating the field as a budding scholar can be a daunting task! Please join the Graduate Student Committee and the AAR Student Director for an informal conversation about our place in the Academy. In addition to open dialogue regarding student issues, we will have members from various Task Forces and Committees speak to us about the work they do on behalf of the students. The Town Hall meeting provides an important opportunity to meet your student representatives, learn about student programming, and voice your concerns and needs as undergraduate and graduate student members of the American Academy of Religion. Come for camaraderie, conversation, and coffee!
Panelists:
Elizabeth Lawson, Temple University
Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara
Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary
Ben Sanders, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara

A19-202
Special Topics Forum
MM-Yerba Buena 9
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University, Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University, and Louis A. Ruprecht, Georgia State University, Presiding
Theme: A Noble Tradition: On the Meaning and Relevance of the History of Religions Lectureship in Its Second Century
Sponsored by the American Lectures in the History of Religions and the History of Religions Jury
In this, the third panel discussion organized by the History of Religions Jury of the AAR, we have invited several of our most distinguished colleagues to reflect on their experiences as fellows with the American Council of Learned Societies History of Religions Lecture Series. This series, which dates back to 1893, was traditionally designed to provide a venue for prominent scholars in what was then exclusively known as the History of Religions, to share their work with a wider audience in a year-long series of public speaking events. Contractual support from Columbia University Press ensured that a great many of these remarkable speaking engagements reached even wider audiences subsequently as books of great and lasting value to many subfields. Caroline Walker Bynum’s The Resurrection of the Body in Western Christianity, 200–1336 (1995), Wendy Doniger’s The Implied Spider: Politics and Theology in Myth (1998), and Bruce B. Lawrence’s New Faiths, Old Fears: Muslims and Other Asian Immigrants in American Religious Life (2002) all appeared within this important scholarly imprint. The History of Religions Jury imagines this panel as a prelude to the relaunching of the History of Religions Lectureship in 2012–2013. To that end, this year we have elected these distinguished ACLS Lecturers to share their reflections on the Lecture Series, as well as the books that came of this year-long intellectual journey.
Panelists:
Caroline Walker Bynum, Institute for Advanced Study
Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago
Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University

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A19-203

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Nineteenth Century Theology Group
CC-3016
Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding
Theme: Religious Thought in the Nineteenth Century Novel
Frances Henderson, University of Edinburgh
"Schleiermacher and Narrative: Theology as "Roman" in the Christmas Eve Dialogue (G. Reimer, 1826)
Christa Shusko, York College, Pennsylvania
"The Strike of a Sex: Oneida Community Theology and Nineteenth Century Social Reform
Charles J. T. Talar, University of Saint Thomas
The Conversions of a Catholic Intellectual: Joseph Malague’s Augustin ou le Maître est là (1935)
Ryan Marr, Saint Louis University
Dinah Morris as Second Eve: The Fall and Redemption in George Eliot’s Adam Bede (John Blackwood, 1859)
Responding:
Elisabeth Jay, Oxford Brookes University
Business Meeting:
Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

A19-204

Buddhism Section
CC-2001
Antonio Terrone, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Buddhism and Sacred Mountains
Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University
Wild Yak Mountain: Revelation, Mountain Gods, and Territorial Politics in Golok, Eastern Tibet
Susan Andrews, Columbia University
The Stūpa of the Prince’s Autocremation and the Making of Mount Watai
Dominick Scarangello, University of Virginia
Mountain Cult?: A Cautionary Tale of the Shifting Locus of the Mountain in a Japanese Deity Cult
Paul Kocot Nietupski, John Carroll University
Amye Nyench: Mountain Residence and Resident Deity
Darui Long, University of the West
Mount Emei and Samantabhadra Worship
Responding:
Gray Tuttle, Columbia University
Business Meeting:
Lori Meeks, University of Southern California, and Christian K. Wedemeyer, University of Chicago, Presiding

A19-205

North American Religions Section
CC-2006
Jon Butler, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Narrativity in the Study of North American Religions
Panelists:
Thomas Tweed, University of Texas
Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College
R. Marie Griffith, Harvard University
Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee
Business Meeting:
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Julie Byrne, Hofstra University, Presiding

A19-206

Religion and Politics Section
IC-Grand Ballroom B
Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding
Theme: Citizenship, Religion, and the State: Contemporary Developments around the World
Janis Lee, Vanderbilt University
Muslim Immigrants and the Challenge of Multiculturalism: Bill 94 and the Reasonable Accommodation of the Veil in Quebec
Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Protestantism and Politics in Contemporary China: A Study of the Theological Discourse of the Official Chinese Protestant Church
Derrick Muwina, Boston University
Valerie Lykes, University of Nevada, Reno, and James T. Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno
The European Court of Human Rights, Minority Religions, and New Versus Original Member States: Why the Double Standard?
A19-207

Religion in South Asia Section
CC-3018
Richard King, University of Glasgow, Presiding
Theme: *The Textual Past, the Indological Present, and “Future Philology”: New Avenues for Classical Textual Studies*
Panelists:
- Elizabeth Mary Rohlman, University of Calgary
- Jonathan Geen, King’s University College
- Maria Heim, Amherst College
Responding:
- Steven Lindquist, Southern Methodist University

A19-208 (=S19-244)

Teaching Religion Section and SBL Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
HI-Continental Ballroom 5-6
Paul Myhre, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Presiding
Theme: *Teaching Roundtable*
In response to member requests for extended conversations about teaching successes and challenges, you are invited to join a sustained conversation on an issue or topic proposed and facilitated by AAR and SBL members who are committed to excellence in teaching.
Drinks and snacks are provided for participants.
- Kathlyn A. Breazeale, Pacific Lutheran University
  *Enhancing Critical Thinking: Theories from Art and Theological Reflection*
- Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
  “Uncovering” the Introductory Course in Religion
- Todd Walatka, University of Notre Dame
  *Hub-and-Spoke Blogging in Introductory Courses*
- Karen Derris, University of Redlands
  *Supporting Discussion Based Teaching in Courses with Large Enrollments*
- Brent Hege, Butler University
  *Worship Field Study in Introductory Theology Courses: A Comparative Approach to the Study of Theology*
- Adam Porter, Illinois College
  *Teaching Bible in a Small Liberal Arts Context*
- Colleen Conway, Seton Hall University
  *On Teaching “The Bible” in One Semester*
- David Carr, Union Theological Seminary
  *Issues in Teaching Old Testament/Hebrew Bible/Tanach*
- Jane S. Webster, Barton College
  *Teaching Biblical Literacy*
- Taylor Halverson, Brigham Young University
  *Teaching the Bible with Technology*

A19-209

Women and Religion Section
CC-3007
Kate Ott, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: *Collaborating across Boundaries: Challenges and Possibilities of Women’s Alliances*
- Mara Brecht, St. Norbert College
  *Rethinking Interreligious Epistemology through Women’s “Idle Chatter”*
- Charon Hribar, Drew University and Union Theological Seminary
  *Truth-telling and the Variegated Realities of Women in the Civil Rights Movement*
- Carolyn Roncolato, Chicago Theological Seminary
  *Troubling the Absence: Why White Feminist Theologians Don’t Talk about Whiteness*
- Beth Ritter-Conn, Graduate Theological Union
  *Pitching Our Tent: Meditations on a Portable Feminist Theology*
Responding:
- Zareena Grewal, Yale University

A19-210

Chinese Religions Group
MM-Sierra A
James A. Benn, McMaster University, Presiding
Theme: *Bodies Present and Absent in Premodern Chinese Religious Practice*
- Ian Chapman, University of Alabama
  *Water Gods and Floating Bodies in Medieval China*
- Jesse J. C. Choo, University of Missouri
  *Embodying Guanyin through Hairpins as a Means of Transcendence*
- Jimmy Yu, Florida State University
  *Bodies of Sanctity in the Late Ming: Blood-writing and the Developable Body*
Responding:
- Paul Copp, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:
- James A. Benn, McMaster University, and Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding
A19-211

Christian Spirituality Group
CC-3000
Claire Wolfteich, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Michel de Certeau and Mysticism/Spirituality: Twenty-five Years Later
Panelists:
  - Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University
  - Brenna Moore, Fordham University
  - Douglas Burton-Christie, Loyola Marymount University
  - Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University
Responding:
  - Philip F. Sheldrake, Cambridge Theological Federation and Westcott House
Business Meeting:
  - Elizabeth Liebert, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Presiding

A19-212

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
MM-Golden Gate C1
Paul Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding
Theme: Syrian Patristic Literature and Spirituality
  - Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union
    * A Garment of Metaphors?: Incarnation as "Borrowed Speech" in the Poetry of Ephrem the Syrian*
  - David Belcher, Church of the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church
    * The Veiled Mysteries in the Testamentum Domini*
  - Liza Anderson, Yale University
    * The Interpretation of Dionysius the Areopagite in the Works of John of Dara*
  - Christopher Johnson, University of Alabama
    * "Base, but Nevertheless Holy": Lessons in Liminality from Symeon of Emessa*
Business Meeting:
  - Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University, and Eve Tibbs, Saint Katherine College, Presiding

A19-213

Ecclesiological Investigations Group
CC-3001
Michael Attridge, University of Saint Michael's College, Presiding
Theme: Ecclesiology and Church Law: Ecumenical Investigations
  - Sandra Mazzolini, Pontificia Università Urbaniana
    * The Code of Canon Law: The 'Dark Side' of Ecclesiology?*
  - Joshua Davis, Vanderbilt University
    * On Law and Reception: Ladislas Orsy in Dialogue with Richard Hooker*
  - Scott MacDougall, Fordham University
    * Questioning "Communion": Eschatological Ecclesiology and the Anglican Covenant Debate*
  - Andrew Pierce, Trinity College, Dublin
    * Policing Koinonia: Anglicanism's Managerial Turn*
Business Meeting:
  - Gerard Mannion, University of San Diego, Presiding

A19-214

Hinduism Group
MM-Sierra I
Sucharita Adluri, Cleveland State University, Presiding
Theme: Authorizing Theologies
  - Jonathan Edelman, Mississippi State University
    * Defining and Doing Theology: Jīva Gosvāmin and Viśvanātha Cakravarti’s Justification of the Bhāgavata Purāṇa as Vedāntic Commentary*
  - Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University
    * Varnāśramadharma for Śudras: Saiva and Vaiṣṇava Revisions*
  - Somadeva Vasudeva, Columbia University
    * Hamsamīthī’s Ideologies of Gender and Caste*
  - Kiyokazu Okita, Kyoto University
    * Who Are the Mādhvas?: A Controversy between ISKCON and the Mādhva Sampradāya*
  - Amanda Huffer, Austin College
    * Hinduism without Religion: The Rhetoric of Spirituality in Amma’s Global Guru Movement*
Responding:
  - John Nemec, University of Virginia

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Saturday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
### A19-215

**Islamic Mysticism Group**  
CC–2003  
Vernon James Schubel, Kenyon College, Presiding  
Theme: *It's Not Made by Great Men*: Sufism Understood from the Side of the People

- Erik S. Ohlander, Indiana University–Purdue University  
  *Travel and Exchange in the Sufi Mediterranean: The Extraordinarily Ordinary Case of Ibn al-Qastallani*

- Noah Salomon, Carleton College  
  *"The People of Sudan Love You, Oh Messenger of God": Sufi Pop and the Problem of Religious Pluralism in Prepartition Sudan*

- Sarwar Alam, Fayetteville, AR  
  *Neglecting the Holy, Risking the Heaven: Rethinking the Analogy of Corpse and Corpsewasher Between the Disciples and Sufi Masters in the Politics of Modern Bangladesh*

- Brannon Ingram, University of North Carolina  
  *Anyone Can Be a Saint: Sufi Ethics and Mass Sainthood among the Deobandi Ulama*

Business Meeting:  
Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, and Laury Silvers, University of Toronto, Presiding

### A19-216

**Law, Religion, and Culture Group**  
CC–2004  
Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Presiding  
Theme: *The Politics of Religious Freedom: Historical Perspectives from Egypt and South Asia*

- Hussein Agrama, University of Chicago  
  *The Shape of Religious Freedom: France and Egypt*

- Cassie Adcock, Washington University, Saint Louis  
  *Indian Secularism as “Tolerance”: Religious Freedom Debates of the 1920s*

- Asad Ahmed, Washington University, Saint Louis  
  *Colonial Governmentality and ReligioPolitics: The Case of the Ahmadiyya Inclusion and Exclusion from Islam in South Asia*

- Saba Mahmood, University of California, Berkeley  
  *Politics of Religious Freedom and the Minority Question: A Geopolitical Problem?*

Responding:  
Winnifred Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo

Business Meeting:  
Kathleen M. Sands, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa, Presiding

### A19-217

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**  
IC–Potrero Hill  
John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael's College, Presiding  
Theme: *Christian Platonism*

- Derek Michaud, Boston University  
  *Saint Bonaventure on Divine Unity and the Inner Life of the One*

- Marco Andreacchio, University of Cambridge  
  *Dante’s Platonic Reading of the Incarnation*

- Alexander Hampton, University of Cambridge  
  *Imagination, Identity, and Difference in the Platonic Expression of the Absolute*

- James Bryson, University of Cambridge  
  *Sources for and Influence of Thomas Jackson's Neoplatonism: Nicolas of Cusa, Thomas Jackson, and Henry More*

### A19-218

**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group**  
CC–2020  
Kirk A. Bingaman, Fordham University, Presiding  
Theme: *Evolutionary Psychology and Primate Studies: What has Religion Got to Do with It?*

- Marsha Hewitt, Trinity College  
  *Religious Experience: Mysticism and the “Occult” from Psychoanalytic and Neuroscience Perspectives*

- David A. Hogue, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
  *The Ritualizing Mind: Recent Evolutionary and Neuroscientific Insights into Doing Religion*

- Dorothy Dean, Vanderbilt University  
  *Baboon Morality: How Primatology Impacts the Doctrine of Original Sin*

- Dorte Hvidtjørn, University of Southern Denmark  
  *To What Extent is Religiousness Heritable?: Genetic and Environmental Influences on Existential Values and Religiousness in a Secular Society. A twin study*
A19-219 (=S19-232)

Qur’an Group and SBL Qur’an and Biblical Literature Group

CC-2014

Michael Pregill, Elon University, Presiding
Theme: What has Mecca to Do with Jerusalem?: Approaching the Intersections of Biblical, Qur’anic, and Islamic Traditions
Panelists:
- Gordon D. Newby, Emory University
- Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University
- Alford T. Welch, Michigan State University
- Daniel A. Madigan, Georgetown University

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A19-220

Religion and Ecology Group

CC-2011

Caleb Simmons, University of Florida, Presiding
Theme: Natural Disasters in Tibetan Buddhist Traditions: Prevention, Perception, and Response through a Gendered Lens
Panelists:
- Kalzang Dorjee Bhutia, University of Alabama
- Discovering Indigenous Tibetan Environmentalisms: Injunctions from Dakinis for Avoiding Ecological Disaster and Increasing Environmental Awareness in Tibetan Buddhist Literature
- Ruth Gamble, Australian National University
- The Gendered, Geopolitical Geography of Natural Disasters in the Tibetan Buddhist World
- Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama
- Dialectics of Devastation and Liberation: The Transformative Power of Natural Disasters as Signs on the Path and as Ethical Pedagogical Tools in Tibetan Biographical Literature
- Leah Weiss Ekstrom, Boston College
- Tibetan Buddhist Resources for Survivors of Natural Disasters and Direct Care Providers

Business Meeting:
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, and A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida, Presiding

A19-221

Religion and Popular Culture Group

CC-2005

Aimee Hamilton, Butler University, Presiding
Theme: Karma Chameleon: Continuities and Transformations in Popular Culture
Panelists:
- Anne E. Monius, Harvard University
  - From Spidey to Snake-Woman: Reimagining Karma in the New Indian Comic Book
- Heather Blair, Indiana University
  - Kame Kame Kame Chameleon: Karmic Transformations from Xuanzang to Dragonball
- Justin R. Ritzinger, Oberlin College
  - It’s a Bird! It’s a Plane! It’s a Monk?: Agency and Theodicy in Running on Karma
- Beverley Foulks, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
  - Karma is a Funny Thing: Cross-cultural Consumption in My Name is Earl
Responding:
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

A19-222

Roman Catholic Studies Group

CC-2012

J. Michelle Molina, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Roundtable: Latino Catholicism — Materiality and Theology in Recent Scholarship
Panelists:
- Timothy M. Matovina, University of Notre Dame
- Michael E. Lee, Fordham University
- Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Responding:
Virgilio Elizondo, University of Notre Dame
Business Meeting:
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University, and Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University, Presiding

A19-223

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

CC-3006

Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University, Presiding
Theme: Conceiving Communities through the Post-theistic Sacred
Panelists:
Kevin Hart, University of Virginia
William Robert, Syracuse University

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Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
CC-2018
Tracey Hucks, Haverford College, Presiding
Theme: Womanist Nurturing from Womb to Society
Sharon Jacob, Drew University, and Jennifer Kaalund, Drew University
Flowing from Breast to Breast: An Examination of Displaced Motherhood in Black and Indian Wet Nurses
Megan Dowdell, Graduate Theological Union
And What about the Doctors?: Searching for Respect for the Human Dignity of Black Pregnant Women
Wylin Dassie Wilson, Auburn, AL
Examining the Relationship between Food Insecurity and Economic Justice in the Rural South Using a Womanist Economic Ethic
Melva L. Sampson, Emory University
Raising Womanish Girls!: The Implications of Womanist Posturing and the Performance of Mothering

Business Meeting:
Pamela Lightsey, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

A19-225

Liberation Theologies Group
IC-Telegraph Hill
Ivan Pettrella, University of Miami, Presiding
Theme: New Perspectives on Liberation Theologies
Jeremy Kirk, Union Theological Seminary
Popular Messianism, Complicity, and the Continued Relevance of Liberation Theology
Erica Kierulf, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Doing the Work of Justice: The Revelatory Works of Resistance Artists
Charlene Sinclair, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Toward a Twenty-first Century Black Liberation Ethic: A Marxist Reclamation of Ontological Blackness
William Walker, Claremont Graduate University
A Christian Liberationist Approach to International Economic Responsibility and the Crisis at the United States–Mexico Border
Malik Sales, Graduate Theological Union
Doing Liberation Theology as a Resistive Performance

Business Meeting:
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding

A19-226

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group
CC-2009
Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University, Presiding
Theme: Luther and the Jews
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University
Luther and Christian Antisemitism: Reflections
Derek Nelson, Thiel College
Finding Torah Hidden in Law: Luther on God’s Mandates to Israel
Christopher Probst, Howard Community College and University of Maryland
Demonizing the Jews: Luther and the Protestant Church in Nazi Germany
Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University
Luther and Lutheranism: A Force of Political Social Rebellion?

Responding:
Kirsì Irméli Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg
Brooks Schramm, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg

Business Meeting:
Kirsì Irméli Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, and Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University, Presiding

A19-227

Music and Religion Group
MM-Sierra C
Katy Scrogin, University of Texas, Presiding
Theme: Music and Religion on the Edge
Shannon Berry, Catholic University of America
As for Our Friends: Patriotism and Peace in William Billings’s Anthem Lamentation Over Boston
Jonathan Blumhofer, Worcester, MA
“I Believe in God, but Does God Believe in Me?”: Leonard Bernstein, the 1960s, and the “Crisis of Faith”
Samuel Hamilton-Poore, San Francisco Theological Seminary
The John Coltrane Quartet’s A Love Supreme: A Contemporary “Spiritual Classic”
Gerald Liu, Vanderbilt University
Twig and Tafash: HIV/AIDS, Hip-Hop, and Ugandan Female MCs
Ferdia Stone-Davis, Ely, United Kingdom, and Jason Dixon, University of East Anglia
The Given Note: Language, Music, and the Enactment of Meaning

Business Meeting:
Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding

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**A19-228**

**Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Group and World Christianity Group**

CC-2002

Philip Jenkins, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Theme: *Healing in Global Pentecostalism*

Panelists:
- Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University
- Simon Coleman, University of Toronto
- R. Andrew Chesnutt, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Catherine Bowler, Duke University
- Angela Tarango, Trinity University
- Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Azusa Pacific University

Responding:
- Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University
- Harvey Cox, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
- Katherine Attanasi, Regent University, and Valerie C. Cooper, University of Virginia, Presiding

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**A19-229**

**Queer Studies in Religion Group and the North American Association for the Study of Religion**

CC-2010

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding


Panelists:
- Rosemary R. Hicks, Tufts University
- Joseph A. Marchal, Ball State University
- Nayan Shah, University of California, San Diego
- Brock Perry, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Maia Kotrosits, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:
- Jasbir Puar, Rutgers University

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**A19-230**

**Religion and Cities Group**

CC-2008

Monica Miller, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Religion Makes the City: Boundary Work and the Production of Urban Life*

- Jo Jangho, Baylor University
  - *Blurring the Boundary: Augustinian Deconstruction of Religio-political Identity of the City*
- Chris Shannahana, University of Birmingham
  - *God Doesn’t Live Round Here!*
- Mark Wild, California State University
  - *Ecclesiology and Radicalism in the Urban Protestant Missions of the Post-World War II United States*
- Todd Green, Luther College
  - *The Swiss Minaret Ban, the De-Islamization of Public Space, and the Ongoing Quest for a European Identity*

Responding:
- Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:
- Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago, Presiding

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**A19-231**

**Religion and Colonialism Group**

IC-Grand Ballroom C

Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College, Presiding

Theme: *Defining Religion in Imperial, Colonial, and Postcolonial Contexts*

- Illyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of North Carolina
  - *“Religion” and Intellectual Empires: Precolonial, South Asian Definitions, and the Study of Religion*
- Mitch Numark, California State University, Sacramento
  - *Hebrew School in Nineteenth Century Bombay: Protestant Missionaries, Cochin Jews, and the Hebraization of India’s Bene Israel Community*
- Adrian Hermann, University of Basel
  - *Differentiating “Buddhism”: The Proliferation of Semantics and Organizations of “Religion” in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Buddhist Asia*
- Syed Adnan Hussain, University of Toronto
  - *Three Transformations: The Evolution of Pakistan’s Blasphemy Law*

Business Meeting:
- Mark Elmore, University of California, Davis, Presiding
A19-232
Religion and Humanism Group
IC-Laurel Hill
Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding
Theme: A Humane Turn in Philosophy?: The Recurrence of Humanistic Themes in Western Thought
Ian Christie-Miller, Lewes, United Kingdom
Conscience: How It Escaped from the Classical World into All the World
Willemien Otten, University of Chicago
The Dignity of the Human in Twelfth Century Humanism
Matthew Haar Farris, Graduate Theological Union
Practicing Philosophy as a Spiritual Way of Life: Pierre Hadot’s Greco-Roman Reorientation of Philosophy
Maria Antonaccio, Bucknell University
The “Humane Turn” in Recent Philosophy of Religion
Responding:
William Schweiker, University of Chicago
Business Meeting:
W. David Hall, Centre College, Presiding

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Sociology of Religion Group and SBL Ideological Criticism Group

A19-234
Transhumanism and Religion Group
IC-Union Square
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding
Theme: Perspectives on Human Enhancement
Brian Green, Graduate Theological Union
Could Transhumanism Change Natural Law?
Michael Burdett, University of Oxford
New Jerusalem or the Tower of Babel?: Transhumanist Visions of the Future in Kurzweil, Rees, and Bostrom
Amy Michelle DeBaets, Emory University
The Transhuman Mystique: Feminism and the Discourses of Democratic Transhumanism
Abbas Rattani, Johns Hopkins University
Transhumanism, Cosmetic Neurology, and Suffering
Business Meeting:
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

A19-235
Yogācāra Studies Group
IC-Nob Hill
A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo, Presiding
Theme: Analyzing Vasubandhu’s Twenty Verses (Vimśatikā): Causes, Objects, Appearances, Aspects
Panelists:
Christian Coseru, College of Charleston
William S. Waldron, Middlebury College
Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University
Mario D’Amato, Rollins College
Business Meeting:
A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo, Presiding

A19-236
Religion, Food, and Eating in North America Seminar
MM-Yerba Buena 8
Reid L. Neilson, Latter-Day Saints Church, Presiding
Theme: Religion, Food, and Eating in North America
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College
“The Abundance of the Fullness”: Mother Divine’s Theology of Food
Todd LeVasseur, University of Florida
Koinonia Partners: A “Demonstration Plot” for Food, Fellowship, and Sustainability
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester
The Feast at the End of the Fast: The Emergence of a New American Jewish Practice
Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College
Quasi-religious American Foodways: The Cases of Vegetarianism and Locavorism
Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
Refreshing the Concept of Halal Meat in Muslim American Context in Taqwa Ecofood Cooperative
Derek Hicks, Lancaster Theological Seminary
An Unusual Feast: Gumbo and the Complex Brew of Black Religion
Business Meeting:
Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College, Presiding

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P19-237

Philosophy of Religion Section
PW-Market Street
Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Theme: The Power of Narrative: Feminist Responses to Eleonore Stump’s Wandering in Darkness: Narrative and the Problem of Suffering (Oxford University Press, 2010)
- J. Cayenne Claassen-Luttner, Emory University
  Narrating from Darkness: Can Feminists Do Theodicy?
- Lindsay Cleveland, Baylor University
  The Loss and Redemption of Heart’s Desires: A Critical Defense of Eleonore Stump’s Answer to the Problem of Suffering
- Aaron Klink, Duke University
  In the Darkness but Secure: Rethinking Rejections of Suffering in Feminist Theology after Stump
- Cristian Mihut, Bethel College, Indiana
  Stump on Love and Forgiveness
Responding:
  Eleonore Stump, Saint Louis University

P19-200

North American Paul Tillich Society
HI-Golden Gate 1
Theme: Philosophical and Mystical Aspects of Tillich’s Thought
- Rob James, University of Richmond, and Durwood Foster, Graduate Theological Union
  Tillich’s ‘Killer Mistake’ regarding His ‘One Unsymbic Statement’? It Never Happened
- Jari Ristinemi, University of Gävle
  Differential Thinking and the Possibility of Faith-Knowledge; Tillich and Kierkegaard Between Negative and Positive Philosophy
- Stephen Butler Murray, Endicott College
  The Beauty of a Union with God through Dangerous Obedience: A Christian Mysticism of Social Activism

P19-241

Society of Christian Ethics
HI-Continental Ballroom 4
Jacqueline Lapsley, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Spirit, Scripture, Ethics: Pneumatological Engagements with Knotty Ethical Issues Part II
This is the second of two SCE Themes offering pneumatological explorations of the intersection of Scripture and ethics. Ethicists and exegetes offer constructive proposals and display their entailments for one particular ‘knotty’ ethical issue. Discussion following the papers will be actively directed by the Theme moderator in order to stimulate conversation across disciplinary boundaries.
- Christopher Holmes, University of Otago
  “Let us also be Guided by the Spirit:” The Promise of the Abrahamic Blessing for Human Sexuality Today
- Coleman Fannin, Baylor University
  Indwelling the Church and Reconciling Creation: Toward a Pneumatological Theory of Ecology
- Guenther “Gene” Haas, Redeemer University College
  Scripture, Spirit and the ‘Ethical’ Behaviour of Autonomous Military Robots

P19-291

African Association for the Study of Religion
Saturday, 1:00 pm–2:30 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 2
Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Rachel Schneider Vlachos, Rice University
"There is Something In Me:” Narratives of Lesbian and Transgender Sangomas in Contemporary South Africa
Pascal Bokar Thiam, University of San Francisco
African Music; How West African Standards of Aesthetics in Music and Religion Helped Shape the American Gospel Revolution from the “Negro Spirituals”
Responding:
  Bolaji Olukemi Bateye, Obafemi Awolowo University

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Søren Kierkegaard Society
Saturday, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 1
Jason Mahn, Augustana College, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard and the Work of Edward Mooney
Rick Anthony Furtak, Colorado College
Examples of Socratic Faith
Sharon Krishek, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
In Search of a Personal Philosophy: Some Reflections on Lost Intimacy in American Thought
Sheridan Hough, Colgate University
Grooves, Moves, and Mozartian Darks
Responding:
Edward F. Mooney, Syracuse University

College Theology Society Board Meeting
Saturday, 1:00 pm–6:00 pm
HI-Golden Gate 2

International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion
Saturday, 2:00 pm–5:00 pm
HI-Plaza Ballroom A
Robert McCauley, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Venturing into New Terrain: The Advantages and Perils of Working with New Method
Part I - New Approaches to Ethnography
This workshop addresses the challenges of adding surveys and experiments to qualitative research. Tanya Luhrmann discusses her latest book, When God Talks Back (Knopf 2012), which combines ethnographic and quantitative methods to explore how congregations in Chicago experience God. Ann Taves whose recent book, Religious Experience Reconsidered, combines historical scholarship with models from cognitive science, will respond.

Tanya Luhrman, Stanford University
Measuring While Doing Fieldwork
Responding:
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

Part II - New Approaches to Textual Analysis
Joseph Bulbulia, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, Presiding
This workshop explores alternative approaches to religious texts that have been inspired by work in the cognitive science of religion, and that employ new methods for analyzing texts (large-scale sampling, coding, statistical analysis) borrowed from the natural sciences.

Coexist Foundation
Friday, 2:30 pm–4:00 pm
HI–Golden Gate 4
Theme: Interactive Teaching and Learning about Islam, Christianity and Judaism
“Understanding Faiths” is a new series of groundbreaking online education programmes produced by the Coexist Foundation. It is designed to give an accessible, objective and comprehensive introduction to what it means to be Muslim, Christian or Jewish in today’s globalised world. The interactive courses use leading-edge technology to ensure a dynamic, engaging learning experience across all major platforms including iPhones, iPads and Android devices. Participants will have opportunity to use the completed Islam programme and contribute to the Christianity programme.

Feminism and Religion Project
Saturday, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm
HI-Golden Gate 5
Networking and information session for those interested in learning about and/or participating in the Feminism and Religion Project. Launched in June of this year, this blogging project brings together a diversity of feminist voices in religion with the aim of creating a place where feminist scholarship, activism, and community can intersect across generations, interests, and passions for our mutual enrichment. Stop by, pick up some information, and meet our contributors. For more information, please visit us at http://feminismandreligion.com.
A19-300

Special Topics Forum
PW-Mission I
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: How to Get Published
Sponsored by the Publications Committee

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Panelists:
- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton University
- Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology
- Anne E. Monius, Harvard University
- Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology
- Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press
- Michael Murphy, University of San Francisco

A19-301

Women’s Lounge Roundtable
MM-Pacific B
Theme: Women in Second Careers
Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women’s Caucus

An informal discussion session for and about women making the transition from church to academy or vice versa, or making the transition from some other field (including homemaking) into religious studies.

A19-302

Gender Theory, Intersectionality, and Justice
CC-2004
Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Women and Religion Section; Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group; Gay Men and Religion Group; Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group; Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group; and Queer Studies in Religion Consultation

A complex array of social structures of inequality and oppression, both overt and internalized, sustain persistent patterns of injustice and, conversely, hegemony. We will discuss four papers that expose the intricacy, convolution, and density at the intersections of gender theory and other postmodern discourses as they seek to articulate persuasive and powerful understandings of justice.

- Katherine K. Bain, Davenport, IA
  The Role of Socioeconomic Analysis in Theorizing Gender and Religious Status
- Rosemary Blackburn-Smith Kellison, Florida State University
  Feminism and Imperialism as Just Causes for War?: Assessing the Justice of the War in Afghanistan
- Wesley Barker, Emory University
  Sexual Difference and the Crisis of Representation in Postcolonial Discourse: Reading Justice, Dispossession, and Resistance in Spivak’s “Echo”
- Jared Vazquez, Phillips Theological Seminary
  I am ___: Queer/Ethnic Identity in Contemporary Western Contexts

Responding:
- Pamela Lightsey, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

A19-303

Christian Systematic Theology Section and Comparative Theology Group
IC-Union Square
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Divine Embodiment in Comparative Perspective

Panelists:
- Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College
- Christian Krokus, University of Scranton
- Karen Enriquez, Xavier University
- Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

Responding:
- Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
- S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding
A19-304

History of Christianity Section and Augustine and Augustinianisms Group
CC-3003
Paul R. Kolbet, Wellesley, MA, Presiding
Theme: Lewis Ayres’s Augustine and the Trinity (Cambridge University Press, 2010) and the History of Our Shifting Understandings of the Christian Trinity
Panelists:
  - Michel Rene Barnes, Marquette University
  - John Slotemaker, Boston College
  - Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge
Responding:
  - Lewis Ayres, Durham University
Business Meeting:
  - Kari Kloos, Regis University, Presiding

A19-305

North American Religions Section
CC-2006
Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo, Presiding
Theme: Rethinking Key Paradigms in American Religion: “Black Church,” “Queering Religion,” “Nature Religion,” and “Material Culture”
  - Josef Sorett, Columbia University
    The Problem of the “Black Church”: Church and Spirit(s) in the American Religious Imaginary, 1923–1940
  - Megan Goodwin, University of North Carolina
    Captive Bodies, Queer Religions: Scripting North American Religious Difference
  - Bron Taylor, University of Florida
    Gaian Earth Religion: Vanishing Divine Being(s) and the Mod-God of Nature
  - Jennifer Schepet Hughes, University of California, Riverside
    Material Religion: On the Agency of Objects
Responding:
  - Linda L. Barnes, Boston University

A19-306

Religion and Politics Section and Religion Education in Public Schools: International Perspectives Group
IC-Grand Ballroom B
Andrew Fiala, California State University, Fresno, Presiding
Theme: Ethics, Religion, and Civil Discourse in California Public Education
Panelists:
  - Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico
  - Jon R. Stone, California State University, Long Beach
  - Vincent Biondo, California State University, Fresno

A19-307

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
CC-2003
Ann B. McClenahan, Washington, D.C., Presiding
Theme: Neoliberal Religiosities: Globalization and New Modes of Religious Practice
Panelists:
  - Kevin O’Neill, University of Toronto
  - Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
  - Tanya Erzen, Ohio State University
  - Daromir Rudnyckyj, University of Victoria
Business Meeting:
  - Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

A19-308

Study of Islam Section
CC-3005
Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Agency and Subjectivity in Islamic Law and Theology
  - Linda G Jones, University of Barcelona
    No Preaching to the Converted?: A Juridical Dilemma Concerning the Conversion to Islam in the Medieval Mediterranean
  - Anthony Byrd, Emory University
    The Moral Economy of Sin and Repentance in Abd al-Jabbar and al-Ghazali
  - Faraz Sheikhi, Indiana University
    Nasiha or "Advice" as Cultivation of Self in Early Muslim Thought: Al-Muhasibi’s Moral Anthropology
  - Nathan French, University of California, Santa Barbara
    The "I" of the "Decider": The Role of Intention (Niyya) and the Shaping of Subjectivity in Classical and Contemporary Martyrdom Discourses
Responding:
  - Rumee Ahmed, University of British Columbia
Business Meeting:
  - Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

A19-309

Teaching Religion Section and Native Traditions in the Americas Group
MM-Club Room
Michael Zogry, University of Kansas, Presiding
Theme: Teaching about Native Traditions: Pedagogical Insights for Specialists and Nonspecialists Alike
Panelists:
  - Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
  - Michael McNally, Carleton College
  - Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis
  - Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University
  - Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara

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A19-310
Theology and Religious Reflection Section
CC-2009
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: *Trinh T. Minh-ha’s When the Moon Waxes Red: Representation, Gender and Cultural Politics* (Routledge, 1991) and *Woman, Native, Other: Writing Postcoloniality and Feminism* (Indiana University Press, 1989)
Panelists:
- Susan Abraham, Harvard University
- Sigridur Gudmarsdottir, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland
- Nami Kim, Spelman College
- Wong Wai-Ching Angela, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Responding:
- Trinh T. Minh-Ha, University of California, Berkeley

A19-311
African Religions Group
MM-Walnut
Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding
Theme: *Contemporary Transformations of Indigenous Religious Culture in West Africa*
- Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
- Words as Icons: Lived Religion, Ideology, and Visual Culture in the N’ko Alphabet and Movement of West Africa
- Albert K. Wuaku, Florida International University
- “Sakarua”: Transforming the Internet into Ritual Space in Ghana and Expanding the African Indigenous Religious Landscape Globally
- Seth Tweneboah, Florida International University
- Pentecostalism, Witchcraft Accusation, and Symbolic Violence in Ghana: An Analysis of Pierre Bourdieu’s Concept of Habitus
Responding:
- Sodiq Yushau, Texas Christian University
Business Meeting:
- Tapiwa Mucherera, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding

A19-312
Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
IC-Pottero Hill
Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: *Latin/o-a Theology and the Bible*
Panelists:
- Orlando Espin, University of San Diego
- Natalie Lee, Manhattan College
- Jose D. Rodriguez, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
- Nancy A. Pineda-Madrid, Boston College
- Chris Tirres, DePaul University
Business Meeting:
- Valerie Bridgeman, Lancaster Theological Seminary
- Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A19-313
Confucian Traditions Group and Korean Religions Group
MM-Nob Hill B
Joseph Adler, Kenyon College, Presiding
Theme: *Korean Confucianism in a Modern Context: A Challenge to the Twenty-first Century*
- Jung-Yeup Kim, Kent State University
  *The Religious Significance of Confucian Ritual Propriety Education in Twenty-first Century South Korea*
- Un-sunn Lee, Sejong University
  *Korean Confucianism and Women’s Subjectivity in the Twenty-first Century*
- Young-chan Ro, George Mason University
  *Confucianism and Democracy in Korea*
- Marion Eggert, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
  *Ultimate Pursuits: Religion, Knowledge, and Epistemology in Early Modern Korean Confucianism (Mid-nineteenth Century)*
Responding:
- Robert C. Neville, Boston University
A19-314 (=S19-308a)

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and SBL Bible and Cultural Studies Group and North American Association for the Study of Religion

MM-Yerba Buena 9
Tomoko Masuzawa, University of Michigan, Presiding
Theme: Biblical Studies and the Modern Invention of “Religion”
Each member of this panel will analyze the mutual influence and interrelation of modern biblical studies and the academic study of “religion” more generally. How has the “biblical” been constituted as an object of analysis over time, and how has this shifting constitution implied, inferred, and affected modes of studying “religion”? As academic topics, what are the institutional, social, and intellectual webs of relations whereby “the biblical” and “the religious” have been inextricably linked, whether within the study of traditions imagined as inheritors of a biblical legacy or those counting as outsiders to it?
Panelists:
- Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University
- Karen L. King, Harvard University
- Suzanne Marchand, Louisiana State University
- Halvor Moxnes, University of Oslo
- Brent Nongbri, Oberlin College
- Yvonne Sherwood, University of Glasgow

A19-315

Daoist Studies Group

MM-Willow
Gil Raz, Dartmouth College, Presiding
Theme: Belvederes, Bureaucrats, and Believers: Daoism, Temple Networks, and Local Society in Later China
Panelists:
- Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University
- Neil McGee, Columbia University
- Richard G. Wang, University of Florida
- Xun Liu, Rutgers University
Responding:
- Robert Hymes, Columbia University

A19-316

Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group

CC-3004
Avron Kulak, York University, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard, the Religious Imagination, and Esthetics
- Joakim Garff, Soren Kierkegaard Research Centre
  Kierkegaard’s Christian Bildungsroman
- Christopher Barnett, Berry College
  Painting with Words: Kierkegaard and the Aesthetics of the Icon
- Jennifer Veninga, Saint Edward’s University
  Loving the Ugly and Imagining the Impossible: Kierkegaard’s Paradoxical Esthetics
- Peder Jothen, Saint Olaf College
  Aesthetics and Becoming: Kierkegaard’s Ambiguous Aesthetic

Business Meeting:
- Sylvia Walsh, Stetson University, Presiding

A19-317

Practical Theology Group

MM-Sierra B
Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Theme: Practical Theology, Economics, Labor, and Class Relations
- Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University
  Why Engage Labor and Worker Justice Issues in Church and Theology?
- Claire Wolfe, Boston University
  “Time Famine” and Women Worker-Mothers: A Practical Theological Analysis and Critique
- Joe Blosser, University of Chicago
  Opportunities after Babel: The Importance of Faith at Work in a Post-Great Recession World
- Cyndi Jones, Episcopal Divinity School
  Because No One has Hired Us: The Story of Employment Issues of People with Disabilities
Responding:
- Pamela Couture, University of Toronto

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A19-318

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
MM-Yerba Buena 15
Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Presiding
Theme: *Cornel West and Prophetic Pragmatism*
  Jason N. Blum, Ithaca, NY
  *The Prophet in the Public Square: Cornel West’s Pragmatist “Correction” of Prophetic Discourse*
  Louis A. Ruprecht, Georgia State University
  *Jeffrey Stout and Cornel West in the Emersonian Tradition*
  Steven H. Schroeder, University of Chicago
  *The Halo of a Vale of Tears: On Mysticism and Reason*
  Philip Franks, Harvard University
  *The Haunting Quest for What is Lost*

A19-319

Reformed Theology and History Group
IC-Telegraph Hill
Sheldon W. Sorge, Pittsburgh Presbytery, Presiding
Theme: *Reformed Public Theology and Reformed Apologetics*
  Bradford Littlejohn, University of Edinburgh
  *Natural Law and Which Two Kingdoms?*
  John Wood, Saint Louis University
  *Making the Private Church Public: The Church in Abraham Kuyper’s Public Theology*
  Christo Lombard, University of the Western Cape
  *Reformed Responses to the Challenge of Accra as a Confessional Faith Reaction to Globalization: Signs of Confusion or Vitality?*
  Shelli Poe, University of Virginia
  *Friedrich Schleiermacher and John Calvin: Locating Reformed Theology in Public*

Business Meeting:
  Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding

A19-320

Religion and Popular Culture Culture Group
CC-2005
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding
Theme: *Finding Meaning in the Space Between: Religion and Transmedia, an Interactive Panel*
  Mara Einstein, Queens College
  J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University
  Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University
  Ted Friedman, Georgia State University

Business Meeting:
  Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College, Presiding

A19-321

Roman Catholic Studies Group
CC-2012
Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University, Presiding
Theme: *Finding a Place for Spatial Theory in American Catholic Studies*
  Catherine Osborne, Fordham University
  Arthur Remillard, Saint Francis University
  Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University
  James Deutsch, Smithsonian Institution
  Katie Oxx, Saint Joseph’s University
  Responding:
  Vincent J. Miller, University of Dayton

A19-322

Sacred Space in Asia Group
MM-Sierra I
Cynthia Col, Bibliography of Asian Studies, Presiding
Theme: *Memorialization and Rejuvenation*
  William P. Harman, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
  *Embracing the Martyred Dead: Sacramental Resting Places of Sri Lankan Tamil Tigers*
  Walter H. Conser, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
  *Erasure and Revitalization in Contemporary China*
  Marcie Middlebrooks, Cornell University
  *Shaping Sacred Space(s): Geographic Imaginings and Architectural Interventions of a South Korean Buddhist Group*
Donna S. Mote, Emory University  
*Cleaning Gravestones, Chanting Prayers: Identities of the Living Among the Dead Before and During Obon in a Rural Hiroshima Cemetery*  
Responding:  
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University  
Business Meeting:  
Eve Mullen, Emory University, Presiding

### A19-323

**Tantric Studies Group and Body and Religion Group**  
**MM-Pacific E**  
Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding  
Theme: *Problematising Bodies in Tantra: Radically Other ‘Understandings of Body/Bodies of Understanding’*  
John Nemec, University of Virginia  
*The Body and Consciousness in Early Pratyabhijna Philosophy: Amurtatva in Somananda’s Sivadstri*  
Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University  
*Embodyment and Ritual Transformation in Mahesvarananda’s Kulayaga*  
Lorilai Biernacki, University of Colorado  
*Rethinking the Body: The Magical Hybrid Tantric Body*  
Kerry Martin Skora, Hiram College  
*Kundalini’s Body: The Concealing and Revealing of the Primordial Energy of Being*  
Responding:  
Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College

### A19-324

**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group**  
**CC-2020**  
José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding  
Theme: *The Age of Fragmentation and the Reconstruction of Tradition*  
Kammie Morrison Takahashi, Washington University  
*Contribution, Attribution, and Selective Lineal Amnesia*  
Joel Gruber, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*The Reintroduction of the Life and Teachings of Vimalamitra*  
Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley  
*Forging Orthodoxy Out of Darkness: The Newly Discovered Edicts of King Yṣhe Ō*  
Daniel Hirshberg, Harvard University  
*Reincarnation in the Tibetan Renaissance*  
Responding:  
David Germano, University of Virginia  
Business Meeting:  
Frances Garrett, University of Toronto, and Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding

### A19-325

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group**  
**CC-3020**  
Russell Re Manning, University of Cambridge, Presiding  
Theme: *Faith, Betrayal, and Disenchantment: Paul Tillich in Dialogue with Contemporary Philosophy and Theology*  
Hollis Phelps, Mount Olive College  
*Essential Fidelity, Ultimate Concern, and the Subject: Reading Alain Badiou with Paul Tillich*  
Thomas A. James, Union Presbyterian Seminary  
*Can There be a Theology of Disenchantment?: Unbinding the Nihil in Tillich*  
Blake Huggins, Boston University  
*Tillich and Ontotheology: On the Fidelity of Betrayal*  
Carl-Åke Gentes, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago  
*The Courage to Betray: An Emerging Conversation between Paul Tillich and Peter Rollins*

### A19-326

**Wesleyan Studies Group**  
**CC-2011**  
F. Douglas Powe, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding  
Theme: *Eschatology in Wesleyan and Methodist Traditions*  
Jason Vickers, United Theological Seminary, and John Drury, Indiana Wesleyan University  
*Resurrection and Reform: Christological Eschatology in the Wesleyan Tradition*  
David Clough, University of Chester  
*God’s Deliverance of Animals: Future Belief and Present Challenge*  
Lisa Powell, Saint Ambrose University  
*The Eschatological Significance of Work for Justice within History: A Contribution from Wesleyan Conceptions of Sanctification*  
Michael Lodahl, Point Loma Nazarene University  
*The Creative Eschatological Tension in John Wesley’s Sermon “The General Spread of the Gospel”*  
Business Meeting:  
Rex D. Matthews, Emory University, Presiding

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A19-327

Western Esotericism Group
MM-Sierra C
Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Theme: Politics and Western Esotericism
  Daniel McKanan, Harvard University
  George Lippard and Ignatius Donnelly: Two Novelists of Esoteric Socialism
  Colin Duggan, University College, Cork
  Cooperation, Suffrage, and Revolution: Esotericism and Politics in the Irish Context
  Julian Strube, University of Heidelberg
  Esotericism in German Far-Right Circles: Recent Developments Under the Sign of the Black Sun
  Francisco Silva, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
  Fifth Empire: Catholic Millenarian Esotericism and Postcolonial Politics in Contemporary Portuguese Pop Culture
  Sasha Chaitow, University of Exeter
  A Different Delphi: Contemporary Hellenic Paganism and Nationalist Politics in Modern Greece

A19-328

Comparative Philosophy and Religion Seminar
MM-Yerba Buena 8
Morny Joy, University of Calgary, Presiding
Theme: Desire
  Katrin Froese, University of Calgary
  Awakening with Desire in Chan Buddhism and Daoism
  Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne
  The Work of Desire
  Jay Johnston, University of Sydney
  Material Desire: Cross-cultural Bodies, Ontology, Ethics
  Fei Lan, University of Toronto
  Desire: The Hunger of the Poor — A Conversation between Dai Zhen and Levinas

Business Meeting:
  Morny Joy, University of Calgary, Presiding

A19-329

Animals and Religion Group and Science, Technology, and Religion Group
IC-Grand Ballroom C
Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Animality, Hybridity, Divinity: Donna Haraway's Technoscientific Revisioning of the Religious Subject
  Jennifer Thweatt-Bates, Newark, NJ
  Cyborgs, Dogs, and Jesus: The Worldly and Religious Figures of Donna Haraway
  Sam Mickey, California Institute of Integral Studies
  Farfetchings for Respecting Species: Postsecular Posthumanities and the SF Mode
  Amy Brown, University of Florida
  Donna Haraway's Philosophy as a Challenge to Individualism in Evolutionarily-derived Environmental Ethics
  Marti Kheel, University of California, Berkeley
  Donna Haraway's "Species Encounter": Reciprocity or Dominion?

Responding:
  Donna Haraway, University of California, Santa Cruz

Business Meeting:
  David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding

A19-330

Ricoeur Group
CC-2008
Michael De Lashmutt, Sarum College, Presiding
  Daniel Rober, Fordham University
  Ricoeur, Metz, and the Future of Dangerous Memory
  Joel Schmidt, University of Notre Dame
  John Crowley-Buck, Loyola University, Chicago
  Memory, Justice, and Narrative: Addressing the Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church Through a Ricoeurian Hermeneutic
  Alana Vincent, Swedish Theological Institute
  Reading Ricoeur as a Jew

Business Meeting:
  Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding
A19-331

Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group

PW-Fillmore
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

Theme: Scriptural versus Scripture: Moral Conflicts over Sacred Texts
Gavril Andreicut, Marquette University
The Role of Interest and Circumstances in the Reading of a Text
Stephanie Day Powell, Chicago Theological Seminary
Amaelek v. Amaelek: Probing a Traumatic Memory in Order to Read Beyond Polarizing Interpretations
Steven Sherman, Regent University
Diversity in Evangelical Hermeneutics: A Case Study — Genesis 9:6
Emily Filler, University of Virginia
Depth Interpretation: Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Challenge of the Bible

Business Meeting:
Gabriella Lettini, Graduate Theological Union and Starr King School for the Ministry, Presiding

A19-332

Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Group

PW-Davidson
Johnny B. Hill, Foundation for Reconciliation and Dialogue, Presiding

Theme: Theologies of Nonviolent Resistance
Howard Pickett, University of Virginia
“The End is Preexistent in the Means”: Theology, Virtue, and Martin Luther King Jr.’s Rationale for Nonviolent Resistance
Aaron Howard, Los Angeles, CA
Casting Out Demons of Injustice: A Pneumatological Interpretation of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Nonviolent Passive Resistance

Business Meeting:
Johnny B. Hill, Foundation for Reconciliation and Dialogue, Presiding

A19-333

Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group

CC-2024
Ajit Abraham, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Another Classroom is Possible: Examples from Transformative Educators
Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University; Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University; and Jamiil Claiborne, Buena Vista University
Open Classrooms: Spaces for Critical Debate, Activism, and Civically-engaged Action
Ann Lutterman-Aguilar, Augsburg College
Transformed and Transforming: Research Findings from Educational Encounters Involving United States Students and Mexican Activists

Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University
Hip-Hop Scholar: The Activist Dimension of Hip-Hop Pedagogy with Special Reference to Michael Eric Dyson

Business Meeting:
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

A19-334

Yoga in Theory and Practice Group

CC-2010
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University, Presiding

Theme: Reconstructing Yoga: Perspectives on Mark Singleton’s Yoga Body: The Origins of Modern Posture Practice (Oxford University Press, 2010)
Panelists:
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University
Ellen Goldberg, Queen’s University
Beatrix Hauser, Karl Jasper’s Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies
Meera Nanda, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali
Jason Birch, Oxford University
James Mallinson, Lavasa Institute of Classical Studies

Responding:
Mark Singleton, Saint John’s College, Santa Fe

Business Meeting:
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University, Presiding

A19-335

Stand-alone MA Programs in Religion Seminar

MM-Nob Hill D
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: Present Challenges and Future Opportunities
Panelists:
Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University
Martha Finch, Missouri State University
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
Mark D. Given, Missouri State University
Erik Larson, Florida International University
Kevin Lewis, University of South Carolina
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
Lisa J. M. Poirier, Miami University
John C. Reeves, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Jarrod L. Whitaker, Wake Forest University
Liz Wilson, Miami University of Ohio

Business Meeting:
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

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A19-336
Student Lounge Roundtable
Saturday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm
MM-Pacific C
Beth Stovell, St. Thomas University, and Jon Stovell, McMaster University, Presiding
Theme: "I Can Hold up TWO Books as I Hop on a Ball... But That Is Not All! Oh, No, That Is Not All!": Balancing Family and Work in the Academic World
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee
Academic life is often a struggle to find a balance between one's academic and "real world" responsibilities. Beth and Jon Stovell have spent their marriage learning this fine art of balance as they studied together for their Masters and then PhD. Now standing at the conclusion of their studies and commencement of their careers, Beth and Jon will draw on their difficult (and often humorous) experiences.

P19-329
Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion
IC-Marina
Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: The Future of Feminist Method
What makes an interpretation feminist? Is it the method or the hermeneutical lens used or both? Given the diversity of feminist scholarship in biblical studies, is it possible or desirable to speak of a feminist method? What are the different, accents, goals, and outcomes of methods such as e.g. the study of women, reading as a woman, gender analysis, or intersectional analysis? How are these methods used in concert with standard methods such as e.g. historical, literary, ideology critical, cultural, postcolonial biblical studies?
Panelists:
- Wil Gafney, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
- Jennifer Bird, Greensboro College
- Musa Dube, University of Botswana
- Adele Reinhardt, Université d’Ottawa - University of Ottawa
- Jorunn Oekland, Universitetet i Oslo
- Seung-Ai Yang, Chicago Theological Seminary

M19-200
Phenomenology and Scripture Group
Saturday, 4:00 pm–5:30 pm
HI–Lombard
Kevin Hart, University of Virginia, Presiding
What would it mean to treat theology as a phenomenon? How do theological texts give themselves? This panel will explore the possibility of a phenomenological approach to theological texts.

M19-305
HarperOne
Saturday, 4:00 pm–5:30 pm
MM-Golden Gate A-B
Michael Maudlin, HarperOne, Presiding
Theme: Confronting Islamophobia: How to Prevent a Holy War
Philip Jenkins, Pennsylvania State University
Stephen Prothero, Boston University
Omid Safi, University of North Carolina
Miroslav Volf, Yale University
Join the discussion on Twitter #Islamaphobia.

M19-307
Chiara Press
Saturday, 4:00 pm–5:30 pm
HI–Continental Ballroom 2
Theme: Emerging from Fundamentalism - Conversation with Randall Balmer and Andrew Himes
Andrew Himes, author of The Sword of the Lord: The Roots of Fundamentalism in an American Family and Randall Balmer, author of Growing Pains: Learning to Live My Father’s Faith, have both struggled with the challenge of moving beyond their fundamentalist heritage, critiquing what was amiss in the tradition while rediscovering its strengths. Randall Balmer, professor of American religious history at Barnard College, Columbia University, earned the Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1985. Balmer has published widely both in academic and scholarly journals and in the popular press; he is an editor for Christianity Today and has written a number of books on the history of American evangelicalism and Protestantism. Andrew Himes is the grandson of twentieth century fundamentalist leader John R. Rice who founded the Sword of the Lord newspaper and mentored many younger preachers such as Billy Graham and Jerry Falwell. Himes co-founded Poets Against the Lord newspaper and mentored many younger preachers such as Billy Graham and Jerry Falwell. Himes co-founded Poets Against the

Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.
Kevin Hart, University of Virginia, Presiding
Chris Hackett, Australian Catholic University
Petra Turner Harvey, University of Virginia
The Temporality of Desire: A Phenomenological Examination of Augustine’s Theology of Love.
Adam Wells, University of Virginia
Bracketing Dasein: Crescas and Heidegger on Finitude
Responding:
Jason Smick, Santa Clara University

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M19-300

Publishers Weekly  
Saturday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm  
HI-Continental Ballroom 3  
Theme: *Writing for a General Audience: Tips from Scholar-Authors*

In this special publishing session, scholars who have written successful books for a general audience will describe the process of writing and publishing a general trade book. It isn’t a matter of dumbing down your work, but rather making it accessible while maintaining its integrity. Commercial publishing houses also have different expectations and processes; these authors will talk about how to work with publishers, drawing on their experiences. They will also share ideas about hot topics. Time will be available for questions and answers.

Panelists:  
- Michael Coogan, Harvard University  
- Kristin Swenson, University of Virginia  
- Lauren Winner, Duke University  
- Phil Zuckerman, Pitzer College

M19-301

Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity  
Saturday, 5:30 pm–7:00 pm  
HI-Van Ness  
Theme: *Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity’s Fifth Year Symposium*

ISAAC (Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity) is celebrating its 5th anniversary. Tim Tseng (founding and executive director) will share about ISAAC’s achievements, and will discuss its future opportunities. Russell Yee, editor of the *SANACS (Society of Asian North American Christian Studies) Journal*, will introduce its latest issue and lead a discussion with its authors. (*SANACS* is a program of ISAAC).

M19-306

John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Reception  
Saturday, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm  
HI-Yosemite C  

The John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University in St. Louis was created for the twin purposes of encouraging rigorous scholarship and civil public discourse in the area of American religion and politics. Join new Center faculty Marie Griffith and Leigh Schmidt, advisory board members, staff, and students in celebrating this new venture and learning how you may get involved. We’ll have information about events, faculty hires, postdoctoral fellowship opportunities, and the online journal soon to be launched.

A19-400

JAAR Editorial Board Meeting  
Saturday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm  
MM-Pacific H
Saturday, 6:00 pm and Later

A19-401

Friends of the Academy Reception
Saturday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm
MM-AAR Suite
Individuals whose generosity allows us to continue many of our special programs are invited to a reception hosted by the AAR Board of Directors.

A19-402

Racial and Ethnic Minorities’ Reception
Saturday, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
HI-Cityscape
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

M19-302

Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion
Saturday, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
HI-Yosemite A
Theme: Analytic Theology Lecture: Philosophical Reflections on the Atonement
In this first of a series of lectures on analytic theology, Eleonore Stump and Richard J. Henle, Professor of Philosophy at Saint Louis University, examine various theories of the atonement. All are invited to attend.

M19-303

Explorations in Theology and the Apocalyptic
Saturday, 6:30 pm–9:00 pm
PW-Sutro
Doug Harink, King’s University College, Presiding
Theme: The Gospel of Mark
Our panelists will examine various aspects of the nature and role of apocalyptic motifs in the Gospel of Mark, and consider their theological significance.
Panelists:
- Joel Marcus, Duke University
- Ched Myers, Bartemaus Co-operative Ministries
- Craig Keen, Azusa Pacific University
- Laura C. Sweat, Seattle Pacific University

M19-304

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Discussion
Saturday, 6:30 pm–9:00 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 2
Myriam Renaud, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Celebrating Embodied and Transformative Worship and Ritual
Our annual conversation will explore ritual practices that build multi-religious, justice-loving beloved communities. Unitarian Universalists have long struggled to transcend both the cultural and class privileges of our forebears and our inherited skepticism about ritual and the body. In this event we will celebrate the new possibilities that open up when we join these two struggles together. A diverse group of panelists will share both specific case studies and general principles drawn from the fields of theology and ritual studies. Our emphasis will be on what is now working well within and beyond Unitarian Universalist communities, as well as on ritual strategies for turning failures into opportunities for growth.
Panelists:
- Dorsey Blake, Starr King School for the Ministry
- Clyde Grubbs, Throop Unitarian Universalist Church, Pasadena, CA
- Emily Mace, Brevard College
- Robert McCauley, Emory University
Responding:
- Nancy Palmer Jones, First Unitarian Church of San Jose
A separate reception will be held Sunday evening.
Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Harvard Divinity School, Beacon Press, and UUA Panel on Theological Education.

P19-400

Society for Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society Reception
Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 4

P19-491

Evangelical Philosophical Society
Saturday, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM-Pacific E
Paul Copan, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Presiding
Theme: Prospects for Body/Soul Dualism Today
Panelists:
- J. P. Moreland, Talbot School of Theology
- Angus Menuge, Concordia University
- Kevin Corcoran, Calvin College
Discussion with audience.

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P19–492

Polanyi Society
Saturday, 7:00 pm–9:30 pm
HI–Taylor
Theme: Polanyi and Philosophy of Mind

M19–415

Korean North American Theology Association
Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm
HI–Golden Gate 8
Theme: The Holy Spirit, Chi and the Other (Palgrave, 2011)
The Holy Spirit, Chi and the Other (Palgrave, 2011) by Grace Ji-Sun Kim will be reviewed and discussed by Anselm Min (Claremont Graduate University) and Jane Naomi Iwamura (University of California, Los Angeles). Koo Dong Yun’s Holy Spirit and Chi (Ki) will be introduced.

M19–416

King’s College London Reception
Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
HI–Plaza Ballroom A
Following the highly successful SBL International Meeting held at King’s College London in July 2011, we are delighted to invite King’s alumni, students, prospective students, friends and guests to a reception at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco. As well as updating on news from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies and the Department of Education and Professional Studies, the reception will in part celebrate recent publications by members of the Departments, including Dr. Edward Adams, Dr. Luke Bretherton, the Revd. Prof. Richard Burridge, and Dr. Carool Kersten. Everyone is welcome to join us to hear news of developments within both Departments since last year’s Annual Meeting.

M19–417

Indiana University Reception
Saturday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
PW–Cyril Magnin I

M19–400

Baha’i Studies Colloquy
Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
HI–Golden Gate 2
Robert Stockman, DePaul University, Presiding
Stephen Lambden, University of California, Merced
The Term Ridwān in Islamic Sacred Literatures and in the Sūrat al-Ridwān and Other Writings of Sayyid ‘Abd al-Muhammadi Shirazi, the Báb (1819–1850 CE)

Anthony A. Lee, University of California, Los Angeles
African Servants in the Household of the Báb
Sholeh Quinn, University of California, Merced
Interpreting the Mir’aj in Shāhkhābi, Bābī, and Bahā’ī Texts
For additional information about the Bahā’ī Studies Colloquy, contact Robert Stockman at rstockman@ushmc.org or 847-337-7750 (cell).

M19–401

Brigham Young University and Friends Reception
Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
HI–Golden Gate 5

M19–402

Georgetown University Reception
Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
HI–Franciscan D

M19–403

Common English Bible Editorial Board Meeting
Saturday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
HI–Executive Boardroom

M19–404

Science and Religion Hospitality Event Sponsored by CTNS, IRAS and ZCRS
Saturday, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm
HI–Continental Ballroom 1
The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) supports research, provides MDiv and doctoral courses through the Ian G. Barbour Chair in Residence at the Graduate Theological Union, and publishes the peer-reviewed quarterly journal Theology and Science; www.ctns.org. The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) is an open-membership Session that holds annual summer conferences and co-publishes the peer-reviewed journal Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science; www.iras.org. Through research, teaching, and outreach, the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS) relates religious traditions and scientific knowledge in order to gain insight into the origins, nature, and destiny of humans and their environment. ZCRS offers courses through the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, sponsors the annual Student Symposium on Science and Spirituality, and shares offices with the peer-reviewed Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science, zygoncenter.org.

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M19-421
Institute for Ancient Near Eastern and Afroasiatic Cultural Research
Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
IC–Russian Hill
This year’s Colloquium will be a roundtable discussion exploring the implications of the so-called Authorized (or King James) Version of the Bible on Afroasiatic research and those communities that have been empowered and marginalized by both biblical translations and the constellation of disciplines that focus on the critical study of Scripture, the ancient Near East, and Afroasiatic languages and cultures. For additional information, please visit the IAACR website at www.iaacr.org or contact Dr. Hugh R. Page, Jr. (poeto@me.com).

A19-403
JAAR Reception for Authors and Board Members
Saturday, 7:30 pm–8:30 pm
MM–Sierra F
Reception for JAAR Editorial board members and JAAR authors.

A19-404
Plenary Address
Saturday, 8:00 pm–9:00 pm
MM–Yerba Buena 9
Otto A. Maduro, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Presidential Address — Empire and the Study of Religion
The academic study of religion emerged in the nineteenth century was shaped by the cultural imaginary of empire. How has this legacy impacted the field in today’s postmodern and postcolonial world? With the rise of China and other emerging markets and the shift of geopolitics, what will religious studies look like in the future? Kwok, author of the critically acclaimed volume Postcolonial Imagination and Feminist Theology and editor of the award-winning book Hope Abundant: Third World and Indigenous Women’s Theology, will offer her reflections, drawing examples from the study of Christianity and Asian religious traditions.
Panelists:
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

A19-405
LGBTIQ Scholars/Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception
Saturday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Offsite - GLBT History Museum, 4127 18th Street
Sponsored by the HAAS Foundation
LGBTIQ scholars of religion, scholars of LGBTIQ studies in religion, and friends are invited to a reception. Come network, see old friends, and make new ones! The reception will be held at the new GLBT History Museum at 4127 18th Street (between Castro Street and Colingwood Street), in the heart of the Castro district. The Museum is a block away from both MUNI and the streetcar line that runs up Market Street; get off of either service at the Castro Street stop and you’ll be at the intersection of Castro, 17th, and Market. Walk downhill on Castro to 18th and turn right. After the reception, you’ll find the delights of the Castro district all within walking distance!

A19-406
Film: Enlighten Up!
Saturday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM–Nob Hill A
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
Filmmaker Kate Churchill’s Enlighten Up! is a documentary that explores a range of contemporary yoga traditions through the lens of the personal journey of a skeptical would-be modern yogi. The film follows Nick Rosen, a writer and yoga novice, as he experiments with a range of contemporary traditions, encountering a number of prominent figures in modern yoga, such as B.K.S. Iyengar and Pattabhi Jois. The film examines the potential for spiritual transformation in yoga, while keeping an eye on the commodification of yoga and the often-skeptical perspectives of scholars of yoga’s history in India and in the transnational context.
Panelists:
Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College
Eric Shaw, California Institute of Integral Studies
Mark Singleton, St. John’s College, Santa Fe
Stefanie Syman, Brooklyn, NY

A19-407
Film: “NO!” Breaking Silences Around Black Women and Rape
Saturday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM–Nob Hill C
Carla Jean-McNeil Jackson, Independent Scholar, Presiding
Sponsored by the Black Theology Group and the Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
Speak with an intergenerational panel following the screening of NO!, the internationally acclaimed, award-winning, feature-length documentary that unveils the reality of rape, other forms of sexual violence, and healing in African-American communities. NO! also explores how rape is used as a weapon of homophobia.

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The featured panelists will discuss how religion, race, and politics can both negatively and positively influence attitudes and solutions to end rape and other forms of sexual violence. They will engage in a conversation that will explore some of the issues highlighted in the documentary: 1) Black feminist/womanist Christian and Islamic perspectives that address the wrongfulness of the rape of women; 2) Black men as profeminist/ womanist allies in rape prevention; 3) Rape as a community issue that reinforces interlocking systems of oppression, such as racism, sexism, classism, and heterosexism; and 4) Activism and spirituality as healing modalities. Gender-based violence is an international atrocity that knows no boundary. This panel will address these global acts of violence through the first-person testimonies, scholarship, activism, and cultural work of African-Americans. As Alice Walker, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Color Purple says, “If the Black community in the Americas and in the world would save itself it must complete the work NO begins.”

Panelists:
Aishah Shahidah Simmons, AfroLez” Productions
Traci C. West, Drew University
Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, University of Florida
Obery M. Hendricks, New York Theological Seminary

M19-419
African Religions Group
Saturday, 8:00 pm–9:30 pm
MM–Golden Gate C2
Theme: Documentary Films on African Christianity’s Explosive Growth and Filmmaker’s Discussion
Award-winning documentary filmmaker and author, James Ault, will show clips from his two-part series African Christianity Rising, shot in Ghana and Zimbabwe, called “striking, powerful and clarifying,” by Andrew Walls, founding editor of the Journal of Religion in Africa. Among other things, it explores Christianity’s becoming rooted more authentically in local cultures and worldview. Terence Ranger hailed it “the most penetrating and informative material I have ever seen on African Christianity, bringing out its vitality and variety without ever sensationalizing or exoticising.”
Ault will discuss the power of YouTube to bring text to life by using documentary footage to teach cross-cultural realities of religious life. Drawing on his forthcoming book, which includes embedded video links, he will demonstrate how mixed-media vividly communicates the place of the body, song and dance in African religious and spiritual life. Ault’s first film, Born Again, a portrait of a fundamentalist Baptist church, won a Blue Ribbon at the American Film Festival and was broadcast nationally on PBS, in the UK and around the world. His associated book, Spirit and Flesh (Knopf 2004), was named one of the five best nonfiction books of the year.

M19-418
Baker Academic and Brazos Press Reception
Saturday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
PW–Embarcadero

M19-413
Hispanic Theological Initiative and Hispanic Summer Program Reception
Saturday, 8:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI–Continental Ballroom 6-9

P19-404
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Reception
Saturday, 8:30 pm–10:00 pm
IC–Pacific Terrace
A reception for all past and future participants of Wabash Center workshops, colloquies, consultations, gatherings, and grants. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about our programs and opportunities. Sign up for an appointment to discuss your ideas for a Wabash Center grant or stop by our booth in the Moscone Center.
Saturday, 6:00 pm and Later

M19-408
Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion
Saturday, 8:00 pm–9:30 pm
HI-Yosemite B
Theme: Analytical Theology Reception

M19-409
Swiss Reception
Saturday, 8:30 pm–11:00 pm
Offsite
The Faculties of Theology and Religion of the Universities of Basel, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne, and Zurich along with the Embassy of Switzerland warmly welcome friends, colleagues, alumni/ae, as well as prospect graduate and doctoral students to present their institutions, learn about programs, and meet members of staff. Our host will be the swissnex San Francisco (730 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94111, 415-912-5901, www.swissnexsanfrancisco.org), which is located in walking distance from the Union Square area, the location of the conference hotels. For additional information and requests (i.e., for flyers including directions), please contact Gabriella Gelardini@unibas.ch.

M19-410
Asbury Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University Reception
Saturday, 9:00 pm–10:00 pm
HI-Powell
Alumni/ae and friends of Asbury Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University are welcome to attend.

M19-411
De Gruyter Reception
Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI-Imperial Ballroom A

M19-412
Fortress Press Reception
Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 5
AAR and SBL members, students, and colleagues are invited to join the staff of Fortress Press for an evening food, drink, and conversation and to celebrate the latest books published in 2011.

M19-414
New Religious Movements Group and Nova Religio Reception
Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI-Golden Gate 3

M19-423
Coexist Foundation Reception
Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI–Franciscan A-B
You are invited to join us for our reception honoring Coexist Foundation friends, partners, and advisors in our debut appearance at the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings. Among other things, the program will feature presentations on: 1) our new apps Understanding Islam and the Understanding Faith series through our partnership with MicroBooks; 2) our new near real-time Arabic-English scriptural reasoning digital dialogue, Nurani, and its public news source cousin, news.meedan.net through partnership with Meedan; and 3) our research on Muslims and global interfaith activity through partnership with Gallup. Special guests will include Mr. James Kidner, International Director of the Coexist Foundation and Mr. Ed Bice, CEO of Meedan. To learn more, visit www.coexistfoundationusa.net and stop by our booth #622. Join the discussion on Twitter #coexistfdn.

Saturday, 6:00 pm and Later
A20-1
Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting
Sunday, 7:00 am–8:45 am
MM-Pacific B

M20-1
Church of Christ Professors Breakfast
Sunday, 7:00 am–8:00 am
CC-2001

M20-2
Center of Theological Inquiry Breakfast Reception
Sunday, 7:00 am–8:30 am
HI-Golden Gate 2-3
We welcome all CTI members and scholars interested in learning more about our exciting three-year research project on New Approaches in Theological Inquiry. We are currently accepting applications for eight research fellowships and two postdoctoral fellowships on the topic of “Evolution and Human Nature” for year one of the project (2012-2013 academic year). For more information, see www.ctinquiry.com.

M20-3
New York Theological Seminary/ Journal of World Christianity Breakfast
Sunday, 7:00 am–8:45 am
HI-Continental Ballroom 8
New York Theological Seminary invites all Alumnae/i to our breakfast for an update on the seminary and future plans. Also, all Journal of World Christianity members are invited for an update on the journal and future volumes.

M20-6
Temple University Breakfast
Sunday, 7:00 am–8:45 am
HI-Golden Gate 6

A20-2
International Members’ Breakfast
Sunday, 7:30 am–8:30 am
MM-Golden Gate C2
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee
Breakfast, including a question and answer session, for international members of the AAR.

A20-3
AAR Annual Business Meeting
Sunday, 7:30 am–8:45 am
MM-Club Room
Join the AAR Board of Directors for a continental breakfast and a brief business meeting.

M20-7
Coexist Foundation Scholars Breakfast I
Sunday, 7:30 am–9:00 am
HI-Franciscan A
By Invitation Only

M20-4
Symposium on Early Methodism: Texts, Traditions, Theologies
Sunday, 8:00 am–11:30 am
HI-Powell
Andrew J. Cheate, Liverpool Hope University, Presiding
Theme: Early Methodists, Methodism, and the Enlightenment in Britain and North America
Panelists:
Jonathan Dodrill, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Brett McInelly, Brigham Young University
Phyllis Mack, Rutgers University
Charles Wallace, Willamette University
David Wilson, George Fox Evangelical Seminary
Questions and Round-table discussion.
A20-100

Special Topics Forum
MM-Yerba Buena 13
Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Constructions of the Mediterranean
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee
Located at the intersection of three continents — Africa, Europe, and Asia — and considered the historical home of three major religions — Christianity, Islam, and Judaism — the “Mediterranean” has long been characterized by immense differences and disputed meanings, religious and otherwise. In addition, it is a center of unsettled global politics where ancient and modern cultures play a fundamental role in defining social reality. This panel interrogates the complex forms, trajectories, processes, ideologies, and power dynamics in — among others — religious, historical, social, cultural, ecological, aesthetic, and literary constructions of the “Mediterranean” as an open, contested, and fluid category. Scholars are invited to examine how the “Mediterranean” has been and can be constructed and interpreted from and through particular identity factors like race, religion, gender, or sexuality. Using different methods and tropes of analysis, panelists will address how the “Mediterranean” is imagined and reimagined in the name of memory, identity, power, and religion in various contexts. They will inquire into what these imaginaries signify; how they have changed; and how — both negatively and positively, as well as both historically and currently — they continue to affect and contribute to the production of different religious and sociopolitical realities.
Panelists:
- Marinos Pourgouris, University of Cyprus
- Yael Munk, Open University of Israel
- Adriana Destro, University of Bologna
- Patrice Brodeur, University of Montreal

A20-101

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
MM-Sierra K
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding
Theme: The Arts of the Book: Reading Images, Looking at Words
Panelists:
- Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University
- Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University
- Yohan Yoo, Seoul National University
- Emily Neumeier, University of Pennsylvania
- Yun Woncheol, Seoul National University

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Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University
Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding

A20-102

Buddhism Section
IC-Sutter
Sanjyot Mehendale, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Theme: Greco-Roman Cultures and Buddhism
- Stefan Baums, University of California, Berkeley
  Greek Buddhists in Gandhāra: Epigraphic Self-representation and Literary Appropriation
- Jason Neelis, Wilfrid Laurier University
  Hellenistic Afterlives in Gandhāran Buddhist Material Culture
- Mariko Namba Walter, Harvard University
  Indo-Greek Bactrian Buddhist Documents: Remnants of Greek Culture in Afghan Buddhism
- Georgios Halkias, Oxford University
  The Greek Buddhists of Asia: Interpretations of Sources and Speculations about “Stimulus Diffusion”
- Thomas R. Martin, College of the Holy Cross
  Encountering the Buddha and Pythagoras: Teaching Comparative Religion with Ancient India and Greece

Responding:
Todd T. Lewis, College of the Holy Cross

A20-103

Christian Systematic Theology Section
CC-3018
David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Jewish Jesus, Cosmic Christ
- Jennifer Rosner, Fuller Theological Seminary
  Jewishness without Judaism?: A Critical Challenge to Karl Barth’s Christology
- Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Graduate Theological Union
  Incorporating the Particularity of Jesus’s Jewishness into Christology
- Brooks Barber, Catholic University of America, and Daniel Wade McClain, Catholic University of America
  The Cosmic Mirror: Divine Image in the Theological Anthropologies of Ibn al-‘Arabi and Bonaventure
- Thomas A. James, Union Presbyterian Seminary
  Incarnation, Embodiment, and Repetition: Toward a Christology of Multiplicity

Business Meeting:
Gerard Loughlin, Durham University, Presiding
A20-104
North American Religions Section and Body and Religion Group
CC-3004
Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, Presiding
Theme: The Past, Present, and Future of Body Studies
  Adam Park, Florida State University
  Body Studies: A Nature/Culture Problem
  Adam Ware, Florida State University
  In the Air There’s a Feeling of Christmas: On the Discursive Deafness of Body Studies
  Joshua Fleer, Florida State University
  Spectator versus Participant: The Gaze of the Historian in the Field of Sports and Religion
  Lauren Gray, Florida State University
  On Embodiment and Lived Religion
Responding:
  Martha Finch, Missouri State University

A20-105
Philosophy of Religion Section
CC-3005
Tamsin Jones, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Reading “Passions”: Jacques Derrida and the Study of Religion
Panelists:
  Ryan Coyne, University of Chicago
  Sarah Hammerschlag, Williams College
  Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University
  Carlos Manrique, Universidad de los Andes
Responding:
  Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara

A20-106
Religion and Politics Section and Contemporary Islam Group
MM-Yerba Buena 9
Mona Hassan, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Egypt and Liberation (Square) Theologies
Beginning on January 25, 2011, thousands upon thousands of Egyptians took to the streets to express their deep-seated grievances against the ruling regime, and their non-violent display of courage riveted the world’s attention for nearly three weeks. The centrally located Liberation Square in Cairo became a major locus and symbol of the popular movement promoting an alternative vision for Egyptian society and demonstrating the participants’ regained sense of dignity, cooperation, civic pride, and interreligious harmony. Within eighteen days, the popular demonstrations succeeded in deposing President Mubarak, after thirty years in office, and initiated a transition process to chart a new political future. This discussion panel brings Muslim and Christian intellectuals in conversation with each other and the audience about how they and others understand these pivotal events through their respective religious traditions and the lens of social justice and explores the dynamics of religion, the state, and contemporary aspirations for political, economic, and social liberation.
Panelists:
  Cornel West, Princeton University
  Zaid Shakir, Zaytuna College
  Febe Armanios, Middlebury College
  Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto
Business Meeting:
  Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

A20-107
Study of Islam Section
CC-2003
Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Islamic/Muslim Marriage in Discourse and Practice
Saadia Yacoob, Duke University
  Marriage to Minor Girls: Mapping Intercourse in the Sexual Imaginary of Islamic Law
Sarah Eltantawi, Harvard University
  Iḥār (Child Marriage), Polygamy, and Divorce in the Post-1999 Shar’ī Order in Northern Nigeria
Debra Majeed, Beloit College
  Giving Them a Way Out: What American Muslim Women Can Do About Polygyny
Shannon Dunn, Florida State University
  Justice in the Family: The Challenge of Muslim Family Law in the United States
Nadia Khan, Duke University
  Beyond Bar-Dāsht: Examining the Support Networks for Raleigh-Durham’s Muslim Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Victims
Responding:
  Juliane Hammer, George Mason University

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A20-108

Teaching Religion Section and Sacred Space in Asia Group
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom C

Wendy Wiseman, Ozyegin University, Istanbul, Presiding

Theme: Teaching Religious Studies Abroad in Theory and Practice

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston
Working Through the Problems of Study Abroad Using the Methodologies of Religious Studies

Norris Palmer, Saint Mary’s College of California
Inverting the Object of Study: Recalibrating the Frame of Reference in Study Abroad Experiences

Kerry Mitchell, Long Island University
The Immersion Experience: Lessons from Studying Abroad in Religion

Andrew B. Irvine, Maryville College
From Experience to Text: Assignments in Comparative Religion and Study Abroad

Responding:
John D. Barbour, Saint Olaf College

A20-109

Women and Religion Section and Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group

CC-2006

David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College, Presiding

Theme: The Future of Solidarity Work in the Academy across Program Units Divided by Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

Panelists:
Rita Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

Responding:
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

Business Meeting:
Mimi Khuc, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Michael Masatsugu, Towson University, Presiding

A20-110

Afro-American Religious History Group
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom A

Rosemary R. Hicks, Tufts University, Presiding

Theme: New Research in African American Islam

Spencer Dew, Iowa State University
“This Nationalistic Topic: Internal Debates about the Nationality and Citizenship in the Moorish Science Temple of America, 1925–1935

Andrew Polk, Florida State University
The Best Knower: Mythmaking, Fard Muhammad, and the Lost-Found Nation of Islam

Emily S. Clark, Florida State University
Noble Drew Ali’s “Clean and Pure Nation”: The Moorish Manufacturing Corporation and Identity

Responding:
Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University

Business Meeting:
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

A20-111

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
CC-2011

Jennifer McBride, Emory University, Presiding


Robert David Nelson, University of Aberdeen
Metaxas on “Religionless Christianity”: A Test Case of Bonhoeffer’s Reception

Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College
The Metaxas Phenomenon: A New Chapter in Bonhoeffer’s Evangelical Reception

Joseph McGarry, University of Aberdeen
Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Apocatastasis: A Challenge to Evangelical Reception

Brant Himes, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Place of the Sermon on the Mount in Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s “Religionless Christianity”

Matthew Puffer, University of Virginia
Three Rival Visions of Bonhoeffer’s Ethics: Interpreting Bonhoeffer in Light of DBWE
A20-112

Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group
MM-Yerba Buena 2
Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, Presiding
Theme: Buddha, Buddhism, and Conflict
Elizabeth Harris, Liverpool Hope University
Buddhism and Postwar Reconciliation in Sri Lanka: The Use and Misuse of Symbolism
Hu Hsiao-Lan, University of Detroit, Mercy
Complicity and Conscientization
Mahinda Deegalle, Bath Spa University
Buddhist Justifications of Violence in Sri Lanka
Koenraad Elst, Mortsel, Belgium
The Sapta-Shīla as a Summary of Buddha’s Sociopolitical Views
Business Meeting:
Roger Jackson, Carleton College, and John Makransky, Boston College, Presiding

A20-113

Chinese Religions Group and Confucian Traditions Group
MM-Yerba Buena 1
Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, Presiding
Theme: Cosmology in Action: Cosmology-building and Application in Early China
Tao Jin, University of Illinois
The Awkward Position of “Earth” in the Chinese Trinity of “Heaven, Earth, and Man”
Keith Knapp, The Citadel
Cosmology in Service of Hierarchy: The Natural Basis for Secular and Familial Authority in the Chunqiu Fanlu
Cai Liang, University of Arkansas
Confucians as Politicians: Correlative Cosmology and Factional Struggles in the Western Han Dynasty
Stephan N. Kory, Indiana University
Cosmological Continuity and Change in Han and Medieval Chinese Pyroplastromancy
Responding:
On-cho Ng, Pennsylvania State University

A20-114

Comparative Religious Ethics Group
MM-Yerba Buena 11
James Broucek, Florida State University, Presiding
Theme: The Self and the Other in Comparative Religious Ethics
David Decosimo, Princeton University
Suppressing the Truth: Al-Ghazālī, Thomas Aquinas, and Religious Diversity
Paul Heck, Georgetown University, and Diane Yeager, Georgetown University
On Conscience: Islamic Insights for a Western Controversy
Joshua Schapiro, Harvard University
The Solitary Solution: Asceticism as Religious Rhetoric
Mara Benjamin, Saint Olaf College
Maternal Caregiving in Theological and Ethical Perspective
Responding:
Irene Oh, George Washington University

A20-115

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group
MM-Yerba Buena 3
Michael D. Swartz, Ohio State University, Columbus, Presiding
Theme: Games, Toys, and Ritual in Religion: Playing Seriously
Heather C. Ohaneson, Columbia University
Ritual Spinning and the Well-Turned Phrase: Aristotle’s Eutrapelia and Yehuda Amichai’s Unspun Dreidel
Daniel Michon, Claremont McKenna College
Discerning Ritual from Games in the Material Record: Dicing and Oracular Gambling in Early Historic India
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College
Are We Toying with God When We Put the Sacred into Play?: Dissolving the Boundaries Between Religion and Fun
Nikki Bado, Iowa State University
Let the Die Be Cast: Divining Whom the Gods Favor
Responding:
Philippe Bornet, University of Lausanne

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A20-116

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group and Religion and Ecology Group

CC-2001

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

Theme: Elemental Theology and Feminist Earth Practices

Panelists:
Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University
Starhawk, Earth Activist Training

Responding:
Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo
Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University

A20-117

Hinduism Group

CC-2005

Steven W. Ramey, University of Alabama, Presiding

Theme: Changing Conceptions and Configurations of Hindu Communities

Richard S. Weiss, Victoria University
Debating Community: A Controversy in South Indian Shaivism in the Nineteenth Century

Joel Dubois, California State University, Sacramento
The Modernization of Traditional Brahmin Communities

Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College
Globalization and Emotion: Hindu Priests, Ritual Innovation, and Building New Moral Communities within Temples in Bangalore City

Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University
Alone Together: The Reemerging Person and Reconstructions of “Community” in Guru-centered Movements in Singapore

Responding:
Nanette Spina, University of Waterloo

Business Meeting:
Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University, and Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding

A20-118

Native Traditions in the Americas Group

CC-2009

Gabrielle Tayac, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, Presiding

Theme: Landscapes of Identity: Native Traditions of the Pacific

Suzanne J. Crawford O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University
“Salmon is Our Sacrament”: The Revival of First Salmon Ceremonies in the Pacific Northwest

Regina Pfitzner, Chaminade University
More than Language: The Similarity of Hawaiian and Maori Indigenous Religions

Mary Louise Stone, California Institute of Integral Studies
Sacred Female Authority Among the Inka: Hurin Moisity

Matthew Casey, University of California, Davis
Indigenismo and the “Reindianization” of Cusco, Peru

Responding:
Fritz Detwiler, Adrian College

A20-119

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group

IC-Union Square

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: Mourning the American Dream: Psychological and Religious Dimensions of the Sociocultural Malaise

Jessica Van Denend, Union Theological Seminary
Neoliberal Subjectivity’s Eschewal of Dependency: What Might Religion and Psychology Have to Offer?

Joseph Kramp, Drew University
Symbolic Loss in American Adolescents: Mourning in Teenage Cinema

Flora A. Keshgegian, Church Divinity School of the Pacific
Is Trauma Ever Good?: A Theological and Critical Analysis of Post-traumatic Growth

Lee Hayward Butler, Chicago Theological Seminary
Do You Dream in Color?: Mourning a Monochromatic American Dream

Symbol Key:

● AAR Award Winners
🌟 Business Meeting
🌟 Arts Series
Books Under Discussion

Movies
Focus on California
Focus on Empire and Religion
Focus on the Mediterranean
Receptions and Breakfasts
Sustainability and Religion
Tours
Wildcard Sessions
A20-120
Religion and Disability Studies Group
CC-3006
Molly Haslam, Decatur, GA, Presiding
Theme: Engaging Theological Anthropology and Deborah Creamer’s Disability and Christian Theology: Embodied Limits and Constructive Possibilities (Oxford University Press, 2009)
  Michael Mawson, University of Notre Dame
  Subjectivity and Embodied Limits
  David Scott, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
  Capabilities, Limits, and the Manifestation of Humanity
  Sandra Sullivan-Dunbar, Loyola University, Chicago
  Abilities, Limits, and Justice: Tensions and Synergies Between Feminist “Dependency-based” Approaches to Justice and Christian Theologies of Disability
Responding:
  Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology
Business Meeting:
  Julia Watts Belser, Missouri State University, Presiding

A20-121
Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
CC-2022
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Theme: Saints, Stones, and Bones: Material Religion in Latin America
  Todd Ramón Ochoa, University of North Carolina
  A Materiality for Sorcery in Central Cuban Bembé
  Karin Velez, Macalester College
  “Casas a la Santissima Virgen”: The Multiplying and Refracting Seventeenth Century Holy Houses of Loreto Concho (Baja California) and Loreto Moxos (Bolivia)
  Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami
  The Quinceañera and the Traje Tipico: Religion, Ritual, and the Mercado
  Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia
  The Effigy’s Emotion: Cuban Interpretations of the Virgin of Charity
  Jennifer Schepfer Hughes, University of California, Riverside
  Cradling and Presentation: Affection and Tenderness for the Object in Meso-American Religion
Responding:
  Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

A20-122
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group and the Colloquium on Violence and Religion
IC-Grand Ballroom C
Nikolaus Wandinger, University of Innsbruck, Presiding
Theme: Film and Mimetic Theory: Probing the Depths of Contemporary Film with Rene Girard’s Insights
  Brian Collins, University of Chicago
  The Sacrificial Ram and the Swan Queen: The Surrogate Victim Mechanism and Mimetic Rivalry in The Wrestler and Black Swan
  David Humbert, Thormoe University
  Hitchcock and the Scapegoat: A Girardian Reading of The Wrong Man
  Una Strouda, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
  No Country for Old Men, Rene Girard, and Georges Bataille: Can Violence Make Sense?
  Nicholas Bott, Christ Community Church
  “How Can Satan Cast Out Satan?”. Violence and the Birth of the Sacred in Christopher Nolan’s The Dark Knight

A20-123
Schleiermacher Group
CC-3000
Daryll Ward, Kettering College, Presiding
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Andrew Dole
Panelists:
  Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University
  Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge
  Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary
  Peter Grove, Leuphana University, Germany
  Walter Wyman, Whitman College
Responding:
  Andrew Dole, Amherst College
Business Meeting:
  Andrew Dole, Amherst College, Presiding
A20-124

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**  
CC-3014

Anthony Paul Smith, University of Nottingham, Presiding


Panelists:
- Brad Johnson, Alameda, CA
- Rocco Gangle, Endicott College
- Daniel Whistler, University of Oxford
- Daniel Barber, Marymount Manhattan College

Responding:
- Kenneth Surin, Duke University, and Peter Graffton, University of San Diego, Presiding

A20-125

**Religion in the American West Seminar**  
PW-Sutro

James B. Bennett, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Theme: *Land, Identity, and Transnational Wests*

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University  
*City Jew, Country Jew: Immigration, Masculinity, and American Zionism*

Konden Smith, Arizona State University  
*Civilizing the American Frontier: Utah, Kansas, Nicaragua, and American Millennialism 1856–1858*

Brandi Denison, University of North Carolina  
*“Playing Indian”: Defining American Religion through Ute Land Religion, 1910–1940*

Katherine Moran, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point  
*Faith, Place, and Power: Catholicism and the Making of the United States Pacific*

Responding:
- Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Business Meeting:
- Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming, Presiding


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A20-126

**Childhood Studies and Religion Group**  
IC-Nob Hill

Marcia Bunge, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Spirituality in the Moral Lives of Children*

Lisa Sideris, Indiana University  
*Children's Nature Study, Empathy, and Wonder: 1900–Present*

Kevin Taylor, Boston University  
*Parenting, Religion, and American Culture: A Comparative Look at Visions of the Good Life for Children among Hindu and Mainline Protestant Communities*

Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union  
*Making Sense of Sexual Education in the Context of Lived Experiences: Why Current Models Fail Youth and Providing Suggestions for a New Approach Responsive to Youth Concerns*

Kate Ott, Drew University  
*Agency and Racism in Children: Accidental Acquisition or Moral Choice?*

Responding:
- John Wall, Rutgers University

Business Meeting:
- John Wall, Rutgers University, and Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding

A20-127

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Group**  
MM-Yerba Buena 15

Diana Pasulka, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

Theme: *Death in Popular Culture*

Jamie Brummitt, Duke University  
*The Power of Death and Dying: Images as a Means of Conversion and Modes of Shaping Afterlife Beliefs in Nineteenth Century America*

Daniel McCluskey, University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
*The Guide of Souls: Characteristics of the Psychopomp in Modern American Media*

Patrick McCauley, Chestnut Hill College  
*Shimmering Between the Symbolic and Real in Pan’s Labyrinth and The Fisher King*

Christopher Moreman, California State University, East Bay  
*Jewish Ghosts: A Content Analysis of Some Jewish Folklore*

Business Meeting:
- Lucy Bregman, Temple University, Presiding
A20-128

Jain Studies Group
MM-Yerba Buena 5
Nathan R. B. Loewen, Vanier College, Presiding
Theme: Global Perspectives on Teaching Jaina Studies: Strategies, Pitfalls, and Changing Paradigms
Panelists:
  - Christian Haskett, Utah State University
  - Sherry Fohr, Converse College
  - Peter Flügel, University of London
  - Martin T. Adam, University of Victoria
Responding:
  - John E. Cort, Denison University
Business Meeting:
  - Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding

A20-129

Middle Eastern Christianity Group and World Christianity Group
CC-2012
Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University, Presiding
Theme: Engaging the History of Middle Eastern Christians: New Studies on the Coptic Papacy
Panelists:
  - Vincent Cornell, Emory University
  - Robert J. Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
  - James C. Skedros, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
  - Stephen J. Davis, Yale University
  - Magdi Guirguis, American University, Cairo
  - Maged S.A. Mikhail, California State University, Fullerton
  - Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
  - David W. Johnson, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
  - Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University
Business Meeting:
  - Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University, Presiding

A20-130

Open and Relational Theologies Group
CC-2008
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
Theme: Creatio Ex Nihilo: Arguments For and Against
Panelists:
  - Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
  - Michael Lodahl, Point Loma Nazarene University
  - Catherine Keller, Drew University
  - Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University
  - Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
  - Richard Rice, Loma Linda University
Business Meeting:
  - Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

A20-131

Religion and Sexuality Group
CC-3020
Sādiyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town, Presiding
Theme: Contesting Bodies, Configuring Sexuality
  - Jill Peterfeso, University of North Carolina
  - Nadeem Mahomed, University of Johannesburg
  - Samira Mehta, Emory University
  - Magdi Guirguis, American University, Cairo
  - Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University
Business Meeting:
  - Heather White, New College of Florida, Presiding

A20-132

Religious Conversions Group
MM-Sierra C
Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding
Theme: Religious Conversions
  - Maithili Thayanithy, University of Toronto
  - Lynn B. E. Jencks, Northwestern University
  - Jon Sobrino’s Conversion: Transformed Heart, Transformed Theology
  - Jufang Tseng, Catholic University of America
  - David Ogungbile, Obafemi Awolowo University
  - David O. Ajayi, University of Ibadan
Business Meeting:
  - Lewis R. Rambo, San Francisco Theological Seminary

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Sociology of Religion Group
IC-Laurel Hill
Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Civil Religion: Critical Debates
- Margit Warburg, University of Copenhagen
  "Civil War and Civil Religion: An Analysis of a Civil Religious Victory Feast in Denmark"
- Jennifer Caplan, Syracuse University
  "Civil Religion in a Brave New World"
- Jermaine McDonald, Emory University
  "The Fourth Time of Trial: American Civil Religion in the Age of Global Terrorism"
- Eileen Barker, London School of Economics
  "Nonreligious Civil Religion in Contemporary Society"
- Robert A. Segal, University of Aberdeen
  "Bellah’s Attempted Revival of Evolution in the Study of Religion"

A20-134

Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Group
MM-Yerba Buena 6
John Corrigan, Florida State University, Presiding
Theme: Spatial Theory and Religion
- Andrew Salzmann, Boston College
  "Sacred Thirdspace: Recapturing the Urgency of Arranging Places of Worship with Edward Soja and Hugh of Saint Victor"
- Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa
  "Spatial Stories": Reimagined Sacred Space and Identity Formation in First Century Western Asia Minor
- Rose Aslan, University of North Carolina
  "The Museumification of a Saint’s Tomb: (De)constructing Sacred Space at the Mevlana Museum"
Responding:
  Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota
Business Meeting:
  Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College, and Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, Presiding

P20-121

Institute for Religion and Civic Values
MM-Sierra B
Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding
Theme: Self and Other in the Qur’an
The Qur’an is often understood specifically within an Islamic communal context, with its teachings interpreted primarily with reference to their meaning for the Islamic community as a whole, and sometimes to the exclusion of other communities. This panel will explore the ways in which the Qur’an speaks more broadly to universal religious realities that transcend individual communities and presents God as standing beyond human religious differences. At the same time, the Qur’an addresses itself more personally to the religious psychology of the individual soul, and the panel will also examine the ways in which the Qur’an presents the interior nature of human moral life, as well as the Qur’anic understanding of the moral destiny of the human soul as ultimately independent of its social context.
  Canar Dagli, College of the Holy Cross
  "The Question of Religious Pluralism and Violence in the Qur’an"
  Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University
  "The Qur’anic View of the Self: Moral Reflexivity and Judgment in the Qur’an"
  Joseph Lumbard, Brandeis University
  "Covenant and Sacred History in the Qur’an"
  Mohammed Rustom, Carleton University
  "Qur’anic Psychology: The Heart and the Intellect"
P20-140

Society for Pentecostal Studies

MM-Yerba Buena 10
Theme: Review of Frederick J. Gaiser, Healing in the Bible: Theological Insight for Christian Ministry (Baker, 2010)
Lee Roy Martin, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
   Rebecca Idestrom, Tyndale University College and Seminary
   John Christopher Thomas, Pentecostal Theological Seminary
Responding:
   Frederick Gaiser, Luther Seminary

P20-191

Søren Kierkegaard Society

MM-Nob Hill D
Theme: Kierkegaard and Hermeneutics
Timothy Polk, Hamline University, Presiding
Rebecca Skaggs, Patten University
Kierkegaard’s Use of Scripture in Relation to His Concepts of Reason and Understanding
Kyle Roberts, Bethel University
Kierkegaard and Lazarus
Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Kierkegaard and Pietist Hermeneutics
Brian Barlow, Anderson University
Søren Kierkegaard and Karl Barth on Theological Interpretation

P20-192

Theta Alpha Kappa Board of Directors Meeting

IC-Mission

M20-101

New Religious Movements Group

HI-Continental Ballroom 2
Theme: The People of Peoples Temple: A Conversation
Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University, Presiding
On this 33rd anniversary weekend, please join us in reflecting on the tragic events of Jonestown and their meaning for us today.

A20-138

Student Lounge Roundtable

Sunday, 10:00 am–11:00 am
MM-Pacific C
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee
Ryan Cumming, Loyola University, Presiding
Theme: Preparing for Teaching
Teaching is a great responsibility; while student-instructors may have the opportunity to improve on a class in future semesters or quarters, our students get one shot to learn what we have to teach them. I will focus on several vital considerations for instructors as they prepare for courses, especially developing substantive syllabi and fair classroom policies, preparing lesson plans, learning technology and grading systems, and balancing teaching responsibilities with research priorities.

M20-111

Biblical Theology Bulletin Editorial Board Meeting

Sunday, 10:00 am–11:30 am
PW-Ashbury

M20-102

Social Science Research Council

Sunday, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
MM-Nob Hill A
Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Social Science Research Council, Presiding
Theme: Rethinking Secularism
A discussion of Rethinking Secularism, a recently published volume co-edited by Craig Calhoun, Mark Juergensmeyer, and Jonathan VanAntwerpen. The so-called “resurgence” of religion in the public sphere has forced scholars to reconsider both classical theories of secularization and a range of contemporary secular assumptions. Presenting groundbreaking work from an interdisciplinary group of leading scholars, Rethinking Secularism surveys these efforts and helps to reframe discussions of religion in the social sciences by drawing attention to the central issue of how “the secular” is constituted and understood.
Panelists:
   Robert N. Bellah, University of California, Berkeley
   Saba Mahmood, University of California, Berkeley
Respondents:
   Craig Calhoun, Social Science Research Council and New York University
   Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara
Coffee Break
Sponsored by Eisenbrauns
Sunday, 11:00 am
CC-Exhibit Hall

M20-110

Biblical Interpretation Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
MM-Sierra D

M20-115

Zaytuna College Luncheon
Sunday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
MM–Atrium Lobby
Zaytuna College is the first Muslim liberal arts college in the United States. Join Zaytuna’s cofounders, faculty, students, and staff for lunch to learn more about our undergraduate and summer programs. Please assist our staff in the planning of the event by submitting an RSVP in advance at the following URL: www.zaytunacollege.org/event/AAR. Feel free drop-in to pick up a course catalog or other merchandise and literature if you are unable to stay for lunch.

M20-103

Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion Annual Alumni Luncheon
Sunday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
PW-Embarcadero

M20-104

Inter-religious Liberation Theology Project
Sunday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
HI-Franciscan B
The Cohort II of the Luce Seminar on Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology is meeting to think/plan/explore a book project around emergent inter-religious liberation theology/ies. If you are not part of the group and want to receive more information please contact Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes at ccarvalhe@lpts.edu.

M20-105

North American Levinas Society
Sunday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 13
James McLachlan, Western Carolina University, Presiding
Theme: Levinasian Meditations: Totality and Infinity at Fifty
Panelists:
Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Michael Paradiso-Michau, North Central College
Dara Hill, Indiana University
Responding:
Richard Cohen, State of New York University, Buffalo

M20-106

Coffee Break
Sponsored by Eisenbrauns
Sunday, 11:00 am
CC-Exhibit Hall

A20-136

Plenary Panel
Sunday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 9
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: Envisioning the Study of Religion in the Twenty-first Century
The panelists will offer, from different perspectives, their reflections on how the field of religious studies has changed during their career, some of the issues the field needs to address, the turns and twists in their own scholarship, the challenges and changing roles of the American Academy of Religion, and the visions and constraints for change in the study of religion in the United States and Europe.
Panelists:
Laura E. Donaldson, Cornell University
Richard King, University of Glasgow
Donald S. Lopez, University of Michigan

A20-137

Special Topics Forum
Sunday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
MM-Golden Gate C2
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College, Presiding
Theme: SWP, REM, and LGBTIQ Women’s Mentoring Lunch
Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee; Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, and the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee
The annual Women’s Mentoring Lunch provides an opportunity for graduate students and junior faculty members to meet informally with faculty mentors to discuss professional questions and concerns.

Mentors:
- Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
- Rita Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good
- Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
- Susan E. Henking, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
- Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School
- Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
- Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary
- Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
- Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University
- Nargis Virani, The New School
- Traci C. West, Drew University

P20-101

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
Sunday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
HI-Franciscan A
Theme: Consultation on Multifaith Models for Teaching Holocaust/Genocide Studies
This will be a “best practices” conversation for colleagues who are active in multifaith education, dialogue, and/or pedagogy, either in an academic setting or in interfaith work. Academic and public audiences are increasingly diverse and bring a variety of questions, insights, and resources to the study of the Holocaust and genocide. Participants are encouraged to bring syllabi, case studies, and other resources that offer potential new models for teaching. For more information please contact Victoria Barnett, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, 202-488-0469 or vbarnett@ushmm.org.

M20-108

North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies
Sunday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 3
Jeffrey Long, Elizabethtown College, Presiding
Theme: Is Yoga Hindu?
Panelists:
- Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
- Rita Sherpa, Binghamton College
- Ian Whicher, University of Manitoba
- Edwin Bryant, Rutgers University
For additional information, please contact arvind.sharma@mcgill.ca.

M20-112

Journal for the Study of the New Testament Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday, 11:45 am–1:15 pm
PW-Ashbury

A20-200

Special Topics Forum
CC-3006
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding
Theme: The Marty Forum: Jonathan Sarna
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee
The recipient of the 2011 Martin E. Marty Award for contributions to the public understanding of religion is Jonathan Sarna, Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History in the department of Near Eastern and Judaic studies at Brandeis University. Sarna has authored, coauthored, or edited numerous influential books and articles on American Jewish history, including American Judaism: A History (Yale University Press, 2004), A Time to Every Purpose: Letters to a Young Jew (Basic Books, 2008), Jews and the Civil War: A Reader (New York University Press, 2010), The American Jewish Experience (Holmes and Meier, 1986), and The History of the Jewish People: A Story of Tradition and Change - Ancient Israel to 1880s America (Behrman House, 2006). The Marty Forum provides an informal setting in which Sarna will talk about his work with Diane Winston, Knight Chair in Media and Religion at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California.
Panelists:
- Jonathan D. Sarna, Brandeis University
- Diane Winston, University of Southern California

A20-201

Special Topics Forum
MM-Nob Hill C
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Theme: Getting Published!
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
Panelists:
- Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University
- Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University
- Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
- Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
- Gastón Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College

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A20-202

Wildcard Session
CC-2024
Karen Teel, University of San Diego, Presiding
Theme: Embodying Radical Democracy: Pauli Murray’s Centennial and Resources for a Common Freedom Struggle
The panel explores how embodiment informs Pauli Murray’s theology, legal theory, and her efforts at building political coalitions. Pauli Murray (1910–1985) was a poet, lawyer, and priest, as well as a significant figure in the Civil Rights and women’s movements. Our interdisciplinary session demonstrates Murray’s foundational contributions to critical race theory and black feminist theology, recognizes how her poetry articulates crucial ideas about justice and hope, and analyzes her constructions of intersectional identities, including transgender, sexual, and racial identities. We invite the audience to consider with us how Murray’s legacy provides contemporary scholars and democratic activists with resources to envision a common freedom struggle that takes seriously realities of racism and heterosexism.

Panelists:
Sarah Azaransky, University of San Diego
Doreen Drury, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Christiana Peppard, Yale University
Traci C. West, Drew University
Responding:
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University

A20-204

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
IC-Potroo Hill
Terrence E. Dempsey, Saint Louis University, Presiding
Theme: Building Religion: Space, Architecture, and Morality
Rachel Gross, Princeton University
Morality in Stone: The Moral Imperative of the Cloisters Museum
Rana Choi, University of Chicago
Le Corbusier and Monastic Architecture
Nicole Kirk, Princeton Theological Seminary
Moral Architecture: John Wanamaker’s 1911 Philadelphia Store

A20-205

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
CC-2001
Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College, Presiding
Panelists:
Lawrence E. Sullivan, University of Notre Dame
David Mozina, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College
Responding:
Kimberley C. Patton, Harvard University

A20-206

History of Christianity Section
MM-Yerba Buena 12
Karen Bruhn, Arizona State University, Presiding
Theme: Negotiating Identities in the Early Modern Christian Americas
Adrian Weimer, Providence College
The “Worke of Cain’s Offspring”: Elizabeth Hooten and Provocation of Identity in Early New England
Brandon Bayne, Harvard University
“The Chalice of His Suffering”: Martyred Identity, Nostalgia, and the Jesuit Expulsion from New Spain
Veronica Gutierrez, University of California, Los Angeles
“Que me Entierren con el Hábito del Bienaventurado San Francisco”: A Nahua Woman Negotiates a Medieval Spanish Death Ritual
Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University
“But an Echo”?: Claude Martin, Marie de l’Incarnation, and Female Religious Identity in Seventeenth Century New France
Responding:
Constance Furey, Indiana University

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匙 Wildcard Sessions

Sunday, 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
A20-207

Religion and Politics Section
CC-2006
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Presiding
Theme: The Front Lines of the Culture Wars
Helene Slesarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology
Interreligious Activism in Support of Marriage Equality
Richard Amesbury, Claremont School of Theology
Is Islam a Religion?: “American Religion” as a Contested Political Status in Estes v. Rutherford County
Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University
Aggressive Reverence: The Peculiar Role of Religion in Glenn Beck’s “Restoring Honor” Speech

A20-208

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Afro-American Religious History Group
CC-2009
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California, Presiding
Theme: Theory and Method in the Study of Race and Religion in Twentieth Century America
Panelists:
Andre Key, Temple University
John L. Jackson, University of Pennsylvania
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
Responding:
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University

A20-209

Religion in South Asia Section
IC-Union Square
Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding
Theme: Religious Encounters in Colonial South Asia
Will Sweetman, University of Otago
Empire and Mission in an Early Nineteenth Century “Pamphlet War”
Ulrike Schroeder, University of Heidelberg
Mapping the Fields of Harvest: Missionary Theories of Religion and Ritual in Colonial South India
Richard S. Weiss, Victoria University
Conflicts of Authority in Colonial South Asia
Responding:
Eliza Kent, Colgate University

A20-210

Teaching Religion Section
IC-Telegraph Hill
Karen Derris, University of Redlands, Presiding
Theme: Time to Bring Religion to Life: Teaching Religion at the Crossroads of Textual Study and “Thick Description”
Panelists:
Joel Dubois, California State University, Sacramento
Matthew Myer Boulton, Harvard University
Jeffrey Brod, California State University, Sacramento
Kristin Scheible, Bard College
Responding:
Kara Ellis Skora, University of Virginia

A20-211

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
IC-Twin Peaks
Krista Hughes, Hanover College, Presiding
Theme: Exploring Desire and Religion
An Yountae, Drew University
"O Love, You Ever Burn and Are Never Extinguished”: Decolonial Love and the Lustful Resurrection of Displaced Desires/Bodies
Kevin Minister, Southern Methodist University
Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College
Detranscendentalizing War, Decentering Sacrifice
Alan Van Wyk, Claremont Graduate University
Rupturing Desire: The Theopolitical Possibilities of Judith Butler

A20-212

African Religions Group
MM-Sierra C
Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Theme: African Traditions and Peacemaking in Situations of Political Conflict
Mari Pontinen, Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission
Botho and Modernization
Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University and Enoch Gbadegesin, Rice University
African Traditions and Peacemaking in Situations of Political Conflict: Nigeria as a Case Study
Jude Aguwa, Mercy College
Boko Haram: The “Nigerian Taliban” and Its National and Global Consequences
Responding:
Isabel Apawo Phiri, University of KwaZulu-Natal

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A20-213
Anthropology of Religion Group and Ritual Studies Group
MM-Sierra K
Don Seeman, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Ritual and the Construction of Sacred Space
  El-Sayed El-Aswad, United Arab Emirates University
  Religious Rituals in the Making of Sacred Space: An Ethnographic
  and Cross-Cultural Study of Sunni and Shi’i Communities in the
  Middle East
  Istvan Keul, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
  Ritual Morphology and Ritual Syntax in the Consecration of a Temple
  Image
  Donna S. Mote, Emory University
  A Trip to the Spring: A Four-Generation Water Ritual at Shingleroof
  Camp Meeting
Responding:
  Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études

A20-214
Augustine and Augustinianisms Group and Platonism and
Neoplatonism Group
MM-Yerba Buena 10
Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge, Presiding
Theme: From Middle Platonism to Neoplatonism
  John Dillon, Trinity College, Dublin
  The Transition from “Middle Platonism” to “Neoplatonism”
Responding:
  Kevin Corrigan, Emory University
  John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael’s College

A20-215
Buddhist Philosophy Group
CC-2014
John D. Dunne, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: On the Reality of the Mind in Yogācāra: A Constructive Debate
  over Vasubandhu’s Trisvabhāvanirdeśa
Panelists:
  Jay Garfield, Smith College
  Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

A20-216
Chinese Religions Group
CC-2003
Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado, Presiding
Theme: Chinese Religions through the Medical Gaze: Salvific Therapies,
Social Identities
  Gil Raz, Dartmouth College
  Pharmac and Ritual: Herbal Practices in Medieval Daoist Ritual
  Michael Stanley-Baker, University College London
  Rethinking Medicine and Religion: Medical Repertoires in the Early
  Shangqing Scriptures
  C. Pierce Salguero, Abington College
  “Byo” and Beyond: The Creation and Limitations of the Canon of
  Buddhist Medicine
  Jonathan Pettit, Indiana University
  Artifacts, Ruins, and Recipes: The (Re)construction of Medieval
  Medicine in Contemporary China
Responding:
  Donald Harper, University of Chicago

A20-217
Christian Spirituality Group
CC-3005
Peter A. Huff, Xavier University, Presiding
Theme: Calvinism Deep and Green: A Review of Belden C. Lane’s
Ravished by Beauty: The Surprising Legacy of Reformed Spirituality
(Oxford University Press, 2011)
Panelists:
  William A. Dyrness, Fuller Theological Seminary
  Barbara Brown Taylor, Piedmont College
  Lauren F. Winner, Duke University
  Randall C. Zachman, University of Notre Dame
Responding:
  Belden Lane, Saint Louis University

A20-218
Contemporary Islam Group
MM-Yerba Buena 3
Peter Wright, Colorado College, Presiding
Theme: The Passing of Tradition: A Philosophical Requiem for Nasr Abu
Zayd, Mohammed Arkoun, and Muhammad Abid al-Jabiri
  M. Amine Tais, University of Washington
  Beyond Reform: Rethinking Islam and the Qur’an in the Works of
  Arkoun and Abu Zayd

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A20–219

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group

MM–Yerba Buena 6
Graham Harvey, Open University, Presiding

Theme: West Coast Pagan Practices and Ideas

Kristian Petersen, University of Washington
The Scions of Tradition: Interpretations of Heritage

Karel Peter Leonard Gerard Kersten, King's College
Mohammed Abed al-Jabiri, Nasr Abu Zayd, and Mohammed Arkoun in Indonesia: A Study in Reception Theory

Responding:
Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

Business Meeting:
Kambiz Ghanem-Bassiri, Reed College

A20–220

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

MM–Sierra A
Refika Sarionder, University of Bielefeld, Presiding

Theme: Heresy in Islam

Yunus Wesley, Emory University
Reading Heresiography: The Salafism as Pseudo-Other in Hanbali Polemics

Adil Khan, University College, Cork
Contesting the Crucifixion of Christ: The Case of the Ahmadi Controversy in Islam

Ajay Chaudhary, Columbia University
Religions of Doubt: Reluctant Theology and Historical Materialism in Walter Benjamin and Jalal Al-e Ahmad

Responding:
Anouar Majid, University of New England

Business Meeting:
Jorunn J. Buckley, Bowdoin College, Presiding

A20–221

Evangelical Theology Group and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Group

CC–2012
Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: Music, Praise, and Worship in Pentecostal Christianity

Ibrahim Abraham, University of Bristol
Contradiction and Compromise in Pentecostal Punk Rock

Wen Reagan, Duke University
“I am a Friend of God”: The Prosperity Gospel of Contemporary Worship Music Superstar Israel Houghton

Peter Slade, Ashland University
Why Should the Charismatics Have All the Good Music?: The Unintended Consequence for Evangelicals of the Rise of Contemporary Worship

Ryan R. Gladwin, University of Edinburgh
Latin American Evangelical Music Scene: Customary or Transformative?

Responding:
Donald Miller, University of Southern California

A20–222

Hinduism Group

MM–Yerba Buena 4
Shana Sippy, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: Yoga Debates: Old and New

Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa
Religion in Search of a Philosophy: A Brief History of the Goals of Yoga

Joy Laine, Macalester College
Contemporary Yoga and Its Contested Domains

Mark Singleton, Saint John’s College, Santa Fe
Ownership, Lineage, and the Yoga Free Market: Tracing Modern Yoga’s Cultural Politics

Responding:
James W. Laine, Macalester College

A20–223

Law, Religion, and Culture Group

IC–Sutter
Winnifred Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo, Presiding

Theme: Author Meets Readers: Kathleen Davis’s Periodization and Sovereignty: How Ideas of Feudalism and Secularization Govern the Politics of Time (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008)

Panelists:
Annika Thiem, Villanova University
Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago
Stephanie Frank, University of Chicago
David Albertson, University of Southern California

Responding:
Kathleen Davis, University of Rhode Island

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A20-224

Nineteenth Century Theology Group  
IC-Grand Ballroom B  
Arie Molendijk, University of Gröningen, Presiding  
theme: "Oriental Religions" and "Mystery Cults" in Franz Cumont's Interpretation of Early Christianity  
Corinne Bonnet, Université de Toulouse, II-Le Miraill  
"Les Dernières Volontés du Paganisme Expirant: Franz Cumont and the ‘Decline and Fall’ of Roman Paganism"  
Annelies Lannoy, Ghent University  
"The Great Mystic of Tarsus": The Views of Franz Cumont about Saint Paul's Relation to the Pagan Mystery Cults in His Correspondence with Alfred Loisy  
Danny Praet, Ghent University  
Franz Cumont, the Oriental Religions, and Christianity in the Roman Empire: A Hegelian View on the Evolution of Religion, Politics, and Science

A20-225

Practical Theology Group  
MM-Yerba Buena 14  
Dale P. Andrews, Vanderbilt University, Presiding  
theme: panel on the Wiley Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology, Edited by Bonnie Miller-McLemore  
Panelists:  
Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary  
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University  
Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University  
Responding:  
Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University  
Business Meeting:  
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding

A20-226

Religion, Media, and Culture Group  
CC-2022  
Jenna Tittsman, Auburn Media and University of North Carolina, and Lynn Schofield Clark, University of Denver, Presiding  
theme: Productions of Religion: Making Nations, Technologies, Ideologies, and Other Spectacles  
David Walker, Yale University  
"Between Bacon and Barnum: Spiritualist Ritual and Religious Theory in Nineteenth Century America"  
Jacqueline Britton, University of Kansas  
"Television, Religious Scholars, and New Configurations of Nationhood in Egypt"

A20-227

Science, Technology, and Religion Group  
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom B  
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding  
theme: The Entangled Universe: Physical Explications, Theological Complications  
Panelists:  
Catherine Keller, Drew University  
Kirk Wegter-McNelly, Boston University  
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

A20-228

Scriptural Reasoning Group  
MM-Sierra J  
Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh, Presiding  
theme: Age and Aging in the Abrahamic Traditions  
Panelists:  
Rachel Muers, University of Leeds  
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia  
Ayeesha Chaudhry, University of British Columbia

A20-229

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group and Ricoeur Group  
CC-2011  
Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding  
theme: Paul Ricoeur and Jean Luc-Marion: An Elective Affinity  
Jacob Myers, Emory University  
"Loving Oneself as Another: Ricoeur and Marion as Simultaneous Supplement"  
Darren Dahl, McMaster University  
"No Pure Religion: Phenomenology, Hermeneutics, and Revelation in Paul Ricoeur and Jean-Luc Marion"  
Claire Jones, University of Pennsylvania  
"Performing the Subject: Liturgy through Marion and Ricoeur"

Jill Dierberg, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver  
"Searching for Truth(iness): Mapping the Religiopolitical Identity and Landscape of Christian Emerging Adults through a Reception Study of The Colbert Report"  
Michael Burdett, University of Oxford  
"Singularity University: Silicon Valley’s Ideological/Religious Vision of Education"
A20-230

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group and the Niebuhr Society
CC-3000
K. Healan Gaston, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Tillich and Niebuhr: Conversations and Legacies
Panelists:
  Ronald Stone, University of Pittsburgh
  Andrew Finstuen, Pacific Lutheran University
Responding:
  Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University
  Kevin Carnahan, Central Methodist University

A20-231

Animals and Religion Group
MM-Nob Hill A
Aaron Gross, University of San Diego, Presiding
Theme: Thinking Animals and Religion, Rethinking Ethics: Farley, Midgley, Nussbaum, and Singer
  Charles Camosy, Fordham University
  Peter Singer and Christian Ethics on Nonhuman Animals: Unexpected Rapprochement?
  Mary Ashley, Graduate Theological Union
  Extending Margaret Farley’s “Just Love” to the Animal Other: To Place Being in Affirmation of Being
  Thomas Leenders, Harvard University
  Buddhist Approaches to Martha Nussbaum’s Capabilities Approach: Dignified Animals, Indignant Buddhists, and Other Apparent Paradoxes
  Gregory S. McElwain, University of Florida
  Mary Midgley and the Mixed Community in Religious Studies
Responding:
  Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology

A20-232

Christianity and Academia Group and Open and Relational Theologies Group
CC-3001
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: Faithful Presence: A Response to James Hunter’s To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World (Oxford University Press, 2010)
Panelists:
  Karen Vernice Guth, Emory University
  Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary
  Ron Sanders, Fuller Theological Seminary
Responding:
  Willis Jenkins, Yale University

A20-233

Queer Studies in Religion Group and Religion and Cities Group
CC-2005
L. Benjamin Rolfsky, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Queer Practices in San Francisco
  Sharon Fernsma, Graduate Theological Union
  Strategies of Theodicy in an Epidemic: Worship, HIV/AIDS, and the Intimacy of God at the Metropolitan Community Church, San Francisco
  Anthony Hoshaw, Chicago Theological Seminary
  The Apostle Paul’s “Queer Politics”? Christian Ethics on Nonhuman Animals: Unexpected Rapprochement
  Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo
  ‘All Beings are Equally Embraced by Amida Buddha’: Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and Same-Sex Marriage in North America
Responding:
  Drew Bourn, Stanford University

A20-234

Girls in Trouble and Contemporary Jewish Museum
Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
736 Mission St.
Leave the confines of the conference scene and take a short stroll over to the Contemporary Jewish Museum for an invigorating Sunday afternoon break of music, discussion, and contemporary Jewish culture. A concert by indie-folk-rock band Girls in Trouble blazes the way with their poetic interpretations of the inner worlds of biblical women.
Lead singer, songwriter, poet, and fiddler Alicia Jo Rabins gives plangent voice to the stories of Judith, Tamar, Sotah, Chana, Bat Yiftach, and Miriam. Afterwards, SBL members Carol Bakhos (UCLA) and Alan Cooper (JTS) engage the artist in a discussion on midrash, biblical women, poetry, and music. Audience questions and comments are encouraged. After the discussion, registrants may tour the museum for free.

Coffee Break
Sponsored by Templeton Press
Sunday, 1:00 pm
CC-Exhibit Hall

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A20-235

Wildcard Session
CC-3008
Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Theme: *Voices of Feminist Liberation: Writings in Celebration of Rosemary Radford Ruether*

This panel will explore the influence of Ruether’s work on two generations of her doctoral students in celebration of her 75th Birthday. The panel will illuminate many aspects of Ruether’s wide ranging work from Liberation, Feminist, Womanist, Mujerista, Queer Theologies, Eco-Feminism, Inter-Religious Dialogue, and Social Justice in the Middle East. These reflections are drawn together in 13 chapters that will be published by Equinox Press in early 2012, *Voices of Feminist Liberation: Writings in Celebration of Rosemary Radford Ruether.* This volume shows the dynamic potential of Ruether’s groundbreaking, prophetic thinking and pedagogy to mobilize critical theologies, social theories and cultural practices that liberate humanity from oppressive forces of colonization and patriarchy in the name of religion.

Panelists:
Emily Silverman, Graduate Theological Union
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
Dirk von der Horst, Claremont Graduate University

Responding:
Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University

A20-236

Special Topics Forum
CC-3010
Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: *Mentoring Matters: Part I*

Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Graduate students and faculty members will address a range of topics related to mentoring: 1) Mentoring of graduate students and junior faculty; 2) Different types of mentoring, such as institutional and noninstitutional, or formal and informal; 3) Inequalities in mentoring, both in terms of who gets mentored and who carries the burden of mentoring; and 4) Parameters and boundaries of mentoring. Come and raise your questions and concerns.

Panelists:
Kecia Ali, Boston University
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Elizabeth Lawson, Temple University
Melva L. Sampson, Emory University
M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College

Respondent:
Peter Leithart, New Saint Andrews College

P20-200

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 2
Joel Scandrett, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: *Peter Leithart’s Defending Constantine (IVP, 2010)*

This meeting of the Christian Theological Research Fellowship will focus on Peter Leithart’s *Defending Constantine* (IVP, 2010) and his contention that much of what has been believed about Constantine’s involvement in the shaping of Christianity and Christendom is left wanting.

Panelists:
Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University
Vigen Gurioian, University of Virginia

Respondent:
Peter Leithart, New Saint Andrews College

P20-201

Colloquium On Violence And Religion
Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PW-Cyril Magnin II
Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Theme: *Mimetic Theory and Apocalypse*

COV&R is an international association founded in 1990 which is dedicated to the exploration, criticism, and development of René Girard’s mimetic model of the relationship between violence and religion in the genesis and maintenance of culture.

Kevin Miller, Huntington University
*The Jewish Mirror: Double Mimesis in the Apocalyptic Narratives of the Christian Identity and Christian Zionist Movements*

William Johnsen, Michigan State University
*Achebe’s Apocalypse*

Kevin Lenehan, Catholic Theological College, Melbourne
*Living Faithfully Where Danger Threatens: Christian Discernment in Escalating Times*

Business Meeting
**M20-201**

Social Science Research Council  
Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm  
HI-Continental Ballroom 3  
Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Social Science Research Council, Presiding  
Theme: Frequencies: A Collaborative Genealogy of Spirituality  
This meeting will revolve around a presentation of and critical reflection on *Frequencies: A Collaborative Genealogy of Spirituality*, curated by Kathryn Lofton and John Lardas Modern. *Frequencies* is an assemblage of texts and images about spirituality from eminent scholars, writers, and artists. Conceived of as an experiment, *Frequencies* (http://freq.unc.edu/) does not define the terms of spirituality. Rather, it is an attempt to collect parts of a cultural technology with obscure mechanics.  
Panelists:  
Julie Byrne, Hofstra University  
Susan Harding, University of California, Santa Cruz  
Ari Y. Kelman, University of California, Davis  
Jeffrey Kripal, Rice University  
Responding:  
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University  
John Lardas Modern, Franklin & Marshall College

**M20-204**

HarperOne  
MM-Golden Gate A-B  
Mark Tauber, HarperOne, Presiding  
Theme: Inside the Media: What Journalists Want Religion Scholars to Know About the Media  
Featuring: ABC's Nightline, CNN, NPR, Newsweek, and the Washington Post  
Jeanmarie Condon, Executive Producer, ABC's Nightline  
Dan Gilgoff, co-editor of CNN's Belief Blog and Newsdesk Editor for CNN Wires  
Michael Krasny, host of NPR's Forum and professor of English at San Francisco State University  
Lisa Miller, Senior Editor, Newsweek  
Sally Quinn, Washington Post religion correspondent and cofounder of On Faith  
Join the discussion on Twitter #religion&media

**M20-206**

National Endowment for the Humanities  
Sunday, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm  
IC-Golden Gate  
Theme: NEH Grant Opportunities  
Participants interested in conducting summer seminar and institutes and other grant opportunities from the National Endowment for the Humanities please join Jinlei Augst, Senior Program Officer in the Division of Education, to discuss ideas for grant proposals. To help me better answer your questions, please send a short (up to one page) description of your project (check out our guidelines at www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/seminars.html. Please also suggest a time slot you would like to meet. See you soon!

**A20-251**

Special Topics Forum  
Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm  
MM-Yerba Buena 9  
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, Presiding  
Theme: Conversation with Gary Snyder, 2011 AAR Religion and the Arts Award Winner  
Sponsored by the Religion and the Arts Award Jury  
Gary Snyder has been named the 2011 Religion and the Arts Award winner. He is a Pulitzer Prize winning poet, essayist, and environmental activist. He has published eighteen books, which have been translated into more than twenty languages. Snyder's work and thinking has been featured in video specials on BBC and PBS, and in every major national print organ. He is the recipient of multiple grants and awards, including the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, the Bollingen Prize for Poetry, American Poetry Society Shelley Memorial Award, a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, and in 1975 he won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. A key member of the mid-twentieth century San Francisco Renaissance literary movement, Snyder is currently professor emeritus at the University of California, Davis, and lives in Northern California. Born in San Francisco, Snyder has traveled the world, working as a logger, a carpenter, and on a steam-freighter crew, among other things. He has spent ongoing time in Japan, undertaking extensive training in the Rinzai school of Zen Buddhism. In announcing the 2008 Lilly Poetry Prize, chair of the jury selection Christian Wiman said, “Gary Snyder is in essence a contemporary devotional poet, though he is not devoted to any one god or way of being so much as to Being itself. His poetry is a testament to the sacredness of the natural world and our relation to it, and a prophecy of what we stand to lose if we forget that relation.” Snyder and his ongoing work and words open up many conversations across the AAR constituency.  
Panelists:  
Gary Snyder, University of California, Davis  
Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University  
Bron Taylor, University of Florida  
Christopher Ives, Stonehill College
Theology Today Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm
HI-Franciscan A

Mentoring Matters: Part II
Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee

Fearing the Future: Challenges in Developing Online Programs in Religious Studies
Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee and the Teaching Religion Section

It is here — online teaching — but many are trying to avoid or argue it out of existence. What happens to “community,” when you teach online? What about those great ecstatic intellectuals moments in the classroom — will they be gone forever? Won’t teaching online destroy the traditional role of a professor? Will I lose my status? Teaching online can’t be quality education, can it? Are they going to replace us with adjuncts? Then what...? The academy will be ruined. Presentations and discussion will highlight organizational structure, creative audiovisual aids, testing, discussing, cheating, projects, and more. Presenters will share their creative successes and failures in ways that will be helpful to the audience.

The Politics of Religious Studies Online and On Campus

The Challenges of a Long-distance Adjunct

Words and Music in Online Teaching: A Report from Louisiana after Katrina

Public Theology and the “Postsecular” Condition: Politics, Plurality, and Public Discourse

Globalized societies on all continents find themselves caught in a series of contradictory socio-cultural trends, with continuing (and varying) trajectories of secularization alongside the growing depribalization of faith and its re-emergence as a shaper of cultural, political, economic processes. This seemingly paradoxical co-existence of the religious and the secular takes us into unprecedented territory, sociologically and theologically, and is giving rise to talk of the emergence of a ‘post-secular’ society.

The aims of this wildcard session are to examine the implications of the global emergence of the post-secular condition for public theology as it has emerged within a diversity of cultural and political contexts. The session will aim to draw together a range of perspectives from North America, Europe, Oceania, African and Asia, in order to determine the differential dynamics and trajectories of religious revival as a critical and constructive phenomenon, and its implications for future debate in public theology.

Panelists:
J. Jayakiran Sebastian, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Elaine Graham, University of Chester
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Andrew Bradstock, University of Otago

Race, Religion, and the Military
This panel explores the various ways that concepts of race and religion have functioned within the confines of the military, an institution dedicated to violence. Presenters will also take seriously the notion that the military is a sub-culture with its own mores, values, and traditions. This panel also seeks to address questions such as: What is the dominant religious ideology of the certain military branch? Does it matter? Does the military as a state sanctioned institution ineluctably co-opt dominant or mainstream discourses about race and religion? In honor of our host city presenters have been asked to discuss race, religion, and the military within the context of the Pacific Islands and/or Asia.

Black United States Army Chaplains in the Pacific: Race and Religion during the Philippine–American War, 1898–1902

Robert Green, College of the Holy Cross

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A20-255

Wildcard Session
CC-2014

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: Religion/Science/Fiction: Beyond the Final Frontier

Science Fiction (SF) is the genre of limitless possible worlds with a unique ability to pose, examine, and suggest answers to the most profound questions and to envision transcendence beyond realist literature. Along with religion, SF is where large numbers of the American public go to explore the meanings and purposes of human existence. Why this is so has to do with the construction of SF narratives upon scientific facts about the world and spun through the inexhaustible possibilities of the human imagination. SF’s technique of “making strange” the world so that we can better see ourselves and our predicaments allows us to reflect on our most basic questions about what it means to be human. This session takes the genre, modes, themes and techniques of SF as launching points for examining religion through a critical idiom that asks similar questions and suggests alternatives to traditional understandings of religion.

Panelists:
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University
Susan L. Schwartz, Muhlenberg College
James McGrath, Butler University
Robert Geraci, Manhattan College

A20-256

Wildcard Session
MM-Yerba Buena 10

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, Presiding
Theme: Disembodied Knowledge as Bodily Practice

This session explores — from a multidisciplinary perspective — the bodily disciplines that constitute the epistemic ideal of the disembodied knower in modern North Atlantic epistemic practices. Given the importance of the idealization of this type of knowledge, the panel follows insights from the fields of postcolonial theory and anthropology by asking how this normative and hegemonic subject is construed via body disciplines. After an introductory statement from the perspective of postcolonial and feminist studies, the panelists will analyze different cultural or historical contexts as sites for the construction of this disembodied body. These sites include the nexus between religion and science, with a particular focus on cosmologies; contemporary philosophical theology; and Christian ecclesiology, analyzed from the perspective of performance studies.

Panelists:
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University
Karmen MacKendrick, Le Moyne College
Shannon Craig-Snell, Yale University
Ludger Viehues-Bailey, Le Moyne College

A20-257

Wildcard Session
CC-2022

Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Presiding
Theme: Revisiting the Pure Land: New Research in Pure Land Buddhist Studies

Bringing together an international group of established and younger scholars, this panel presents ongoing research on Pure Land Buddhism, a foundational yet often misunderstood branch of Mahayana Buddhism. Discussion on foundational Pure Land concepts such as neinfo and shinjin complement more historically contextualized doctrinal considerations including the possibility of children’s birth in the Pure Land, and the Buddhist Marxist humanism of pre-World War Two Japanese Buddhist thinkers. The panel seeks to balance doctrinal and textual considerations with the specificity of history and place, thereby demonstrating how Pure Land Buddhist ideas have played a key role in Buddhism’s doctrinal development across Asia. Presentation topics will act as starting points for discussion and conversation regarding the current and future state of Pure Land Buddhist scholarship with the hope of generating new work in this subfield.

Panelists:
Mark L. Blum, State University of New York
Kenneth Tanaka, Musashino University
Eisho Nasu, Ryukoku University
Jessica Main, University of British Columbia

Chih-Yin Chen, Saint Louis University
Soldier–Monks: Vincent Lebbe and His Little Brothers of Saint John the Baptist

Niccole L. Coggins, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:
Tara Villaba Munson, University of California, Santa Barbara

Panelists:
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Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm

A20–258

Wildcard Session
CC-2024
Kathryn Reklis, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: The Blog that Dares Not Speak Its Name: New Media and Collaborative Scholarship
This panel will explore engagements with new media as a potential horizon in the academic scholarship of religion both in terms of content (what is studied/written about), form (how it is studied/written), and audience (for whom it is studied/written). In particular, we will examine the interactive, ad hoc, immediate nature of blogging as a new form of collaborative scholarship and a form particularly suited to the analysis of and engagement with new objects of study.
The panelists, all working in academic fields of theology or philosophy, converse about their collaborative work exploring the core questions of their disciplines and experimenting in new forms of transdisciplinary scholarship by writing a blog about popular visual culture together. This practice of commenting on popular culture via blog is not an alter-identity from our scholarly lives, but, in fact, has become constitutive of how we understand ourselves as scholars.
Panelists:
Natalie Wigg Stevenson, Emmanuel College
Martin Shuster, Hamilton College
Travis Ables, Eden Theological Seminary
Responding:
Shelly Rambo, Boston University

A20–260

Philosophy of Religion Section and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
MM-Sierra H
Patricia Huntington, Arizona State University, Presiding
Theme: Faith and Knowledge in Kierkegaard
Marilyn Pietry, Drexel University
In the Footsteps of the Fathers: Kierkegaard and the Early Church on the Knowledge that Comes from Faith
Noel Adams, Marquette University
A Skeptical Theist Before “Skeptical Theism”: Kierkegaard and Pyrrhonism
Sheridan Hough, College of Charleston
What is a “Good and Perfect Gift,” and How Can We (Faithfully) Know It?

A20–261

Religion in South Asia Section
IC-Union Square
Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding
Theme: Performing the Divine in Indian Classical Dance
Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville
Dancing the Bhagavad Gita: Embodiment as Commentary
Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University
Half Man, Half Woman: Performing Ardhanareeswara in Kuchipudi Dance
Arthi Devarajan, Northeastern University
Outside the Studio: Landscape and Performative Interpretation in the Transnational Practice of Bharata Natyam
Responding:
Vasudha Narayan, University of Florida

A20–262

Study of Islam Section
CC-2003
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Legitimacy and Islamic Knowledge in Germany, the United States, and the Web
Danijel Cubelic, University of Heidelberg
Transcultural Governance of Islamic Knowledge in Germany: Creating New Religious Spheres of Discourse in a Postmulticulturalist Setting
Sajida Jalalzai, Columbia University
Becoming Muslims: Theorizing the Construction of a North American Moral Landscape
Responding:
Nargis Virani, The New School

A20–263

Study of Judaism Section
IC-Twin Peaks
Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, Presiding
Theme: Texts and Contexts in Premodern Judaism
Ryan Dulkin, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
The Hijacked Serpent: The Association of the Serpent with Satan in Pirque Rabbi Eliezer in the Light of Antecedent Rabbinic Sources and the Early Islamic Tradition
Ellen Haskell, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Cleaving to the Other Side: The Zohar’s Perspective on Conversion to Christianity

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Barry Wimpfheimer, Northwestern University
*Panopticism, Performativity, Passing, and Peering: Maris Ayin as a Complex Site of Religious Meaning*

**A20-264**

Women and Religion Section
CC-2006

Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion in the Lives of Incarcerated Women*
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida
*Changing Minds and Bodies Behind Bars: Negotiating Religion While Teaching Mindfulness to Incarcerated Women*
Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University
*“This Is God’s World”: Some Thoughts on the Religious Lives of Incarcerated Women*
Garen Murray, Graduate Theological Union
*Two and a Half Stories: Narratives of Karla Faye Tucker*

Business Meeting:
Nami Kim, Spelman College
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

**A20-266**

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
IC-Potrero Hill

Courtney T. Goto, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelism, Education, and Leadership: Transnational Strategies and Local Adaptations in Asian North American Religious Communities*
Justin Tse, University of British Columbia
*Evangelism, Eternity, and the Everyday: Ambivalent Reconciliation in a Chinese Canadian Christian Church in Metro Vancouver, BC*

**A20-265**

Anthropology of Religion Group and Science, Technology, and Religion Group
MM-Pacific H

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *There’s an App for That?!?: Three Religious Appropriations of Technology*
Katherine Dugan, Northwestern University
*Forgive Me, iPhone, for I Have Sinned: Catholic’s Engagement with the Confession App*
Justine Howe, Northwestern University
*“Where I Go to Connect with Spirituality”: Young Muslims and Islamic Smartphone Applications*
Michal Raucher, Northwestern University
*Orthodox Jewish Women: Ruling the Internet One Question at a Time*

**A20-267**

Black Theology Group
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom B

Pamela Lightsey, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding


Panelists:
Ronald Neal, Wake Forest University
Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School
Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Center
Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University

Responding:
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University

**A20-268**

Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group
MM-Yerba Buena 3

Roger Jackson, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhism and Contemporary Theory*
Jennifer Wade, Boston College
*The Healing Wisdom of Judith Butler and Buddhist Meditation: Informing Meditation Instruction with Critical Psychoanalytic Gender Theory*
Stephen Dominick, Emory University
*The Four Faces of Self-relation: A Rethinking of Buddhist Ethics*
David R. Brockman, Brite Divinity School
*An All-pervading Self: The Challenge of Tathaagatagarbha Tradition to Contemporary Political-Economic Discourse*
Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm

**A20-269**

**Comparative Theology Group**

IC-Grand Ballroom B

Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Postmetaphysical Comparative Theology*

- Kristin Beise Kiblinger, Winthrop University
  *From Ontological to Soteric: John D. Caputo and Vasubandhu*
- Hugh Nicholson, Loyola University, Chicago
  *The Two Truths as Hermeneutical Categories in Shankara’s Vedanta*
- Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University
  *The Metaphysics of Inculturation and the Praxis of Fury*
- David Clairmont, University of Notre Dame
  *Practically Metaphysical Comparative Theology: Theravada Buddhist Abhidhamma and Thomistic Virtue Ethics*

**A20-270**

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**

MM-Yerba Buena 6

Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Architecture in Eastern Orthodox Christianity*

- Patricia McKee, Graduate Theological Union
  *Oakland Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension: A Modern American Appropriation of Hagia Sophia*
- Nicholas Denysenko, Loyola Marymount University
  *Contemporary Orthodox Architecture in America and Theology: Four Parish Profiles*
- Radu Bordeianu, Duquesne University
  *The Sistine Chapel of the East: The Fresco of the Last Judgment at the Voronet Monastery, Romania*

**A20-272**

**Japanese Religions Group**

MM-Yerba Buena 4

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: *Recontextualizing Japanese Religions in Popular Cultures*

- Michihiro Ama, University of Alaska, Anchorage
  *Shiga Naoya and Buddhism*
- Jolyon Thomas, Princeton University
  *The Horrific and Comic in Post-Aum Manga Depictions of Religion*
- Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, University of Iowa
  *Ken Friedman’s Zen Vaudeville*

- Kimberly Beek, McMaster University
  *“Unpacking Zen Shorts and Ties”: Jon J. Muth’s Recontextualization of Zen in the West*

  Responding:
  - Mark Rowe, McMaster University

**A20-273**

**Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group**

CC-2009

Néstor Medina, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Violence, Evangelism, and Diaspora: Interrogating History through the Work of Luis Rivera Pagan, A Celebration*

Panelists:

- Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
- Santiago Pinon, University of Chicago
- Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University

Responding:

- Luis Rivera-Pagan, Princeton University

- Neomi De Anda, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

**A20-274**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Group and Native Traditions in the Americas Group**

IC-Sutter

Michael Zogry, University of Kansas, Presiding

Theme: *Land, Sovereignty, and Religion in Native North America*

- Lisa Dellinger, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
  *The Christian Doctrine of Discovery: Illusions of Grandeur*
- Kathleen M. Sands, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa
  *Territory, Wilderness, Property, and Reservation: Land and Religion in Native American Supreme Court Cases*
- Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Waterloo
  *Property, Religion, and the Legal Relationship between Indigenous Peoples and the Canadian State: Historical Roots and Contemporary Issues*

Responding:

- Steve Newcomb, Indigenous Law Institute
A20-275
Lesbian–Feminist Issues and Religion Group and Religion and Disability Studies Group
MM-Yerba Buena 12
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Theme: Lesbian–Feminisms in Conversation with Disability Studies
Julia Watts Belser, Missouri State University
Brides and Blemishes: Queering Women's Disability in the Babylonian Talmud
Heike Peckruhn, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Sensing Limitations and/in Constructive Body Theologies
Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union
Redeeming Bodies: Cyborgs, Transhumanist Fantasies, Disability, and the Ends of Embodiment
Responding:
Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

A20-276
Mysticism Group
MM-Yerba Buena 14
June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding
Theme: Revisiting Ineffability Across Traditions
Darryl A. Smith, Pomona College
“The Darkness of Lightness”: Negative Theology and Apophatic Language in the African American Literary Tradition
Regina Walton, Boston University
Sighs, Groans, and the Mystical Paradox of Wordless Speech in the Poetry of George Herbert
Annette Wilke, University of Münster
Learning Nonduality. The Teaching Method of Traditional Advaita-Vedanta
Responding:
Robert K. C. Forman, Forge Institute

A20-277
Qur’an Group
CC-2011
Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Theme: Aspects of Qur’anic Interpretation
Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies
Beyond Tafsir: Interpretative Material in Non-Tafsir Works
Liyakat Takim, McMaster University
Myth or Reality: Ayatullah al-Khū’ī and the Ten Readers of the Qur’an
Dalī‘a Abo-Haggar, Harvard University
Similarity in the Qur’an
Shadaab Rahemtulla, Oxford University
Tafsir and Praxis: Exploring the Qur’anic Hermeneutic of Farid Esack

A20-279
Religion and Popular Culture Group
MM-Nob Hill A
Mara Einstein, Queens College, Presiding
Theme: Varieties of Religious Branding: Intervangelist Ministries, Rebel Megachurches, and Transnational Yoga
Denis Bekkering, University of Waterloo
The Diversity of Intervangelist Ministries: From Online “Start-ups” to Internet Campuses
Peter Schuurman, University of Waterloo
The Rebel Brand in Evangelical Megachurches: A Canadian “Emerging Church”
Andrea Jain, Indiana University and Purdue University
Can the Sanctity of Yoga be Contained in a Brand?: The Commodification and Counter-commodification of Modern Yoga

A20-280
Roman Catholic Studies Group
MM-Sierra C
James McCartin, Seton Hall University, Presiding
Theme: American Catholic Women: Engagement, Resistance, Transformation
Karen Park, Saint Norbert College
“Gather the Children in this Wild Country”: Boundaries and Borders at a Frontier Marian Apparition Site
Rebecca Davis, Graduate Theological Union
“More than a Hyphen”: The Contributions of E. Charlton Fortune, California Liturgical Artist of the Early Twentieth Century Liturgical Movement
Jennifer Naccarelli, Claremont Graduate University
Crossing Borders: The Triumphs and Trials of Two Catholic Suffragists
Responding:
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

A20-281
Wesleyan Studies Group
CC-3000
Priscilla Pope-Levison, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding
Theme: What Makes Biblical Interpretation “Wesleyan”? Panelists:
Cheryl B. Anderson, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Linda Day, Pittsburgh, PA
Robert Wall, Seattle Pacific University
David F. Watson, United Theological Seminary

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A20-282

Western Esotericism Group and Mormon Studies Group
MM-Yerba Buena 13
Allison P. Coudert, University of California, Davis, Presiding
Theme: Mormonism and Esotericism
- James M. McLachlan, Western Carolina University
  The Personal and the Impersonal Divine in Mormonism and Bohemianism
- Ian Fowles, Claremont Graduate University
  The Enoch Figure: Pre- and Post-Joseph Smith
- Victoria Nelson, Goddard College
  ‘For Death was That — and This — is Thee’: Stephanie Meyers, Thesist, and the Twenty-first Century Vampire Romance
Responding:
  Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College

A20-283

Cognitive Science of Religion Group
CC-2012
Carl Seaquist, Bethel University, Presiding
Theme: Cognitive Science of Ritual
- Joseph Bulbulia, Ronald Fischer, Paul Reddish, and Rohan Callander, Victoria University, New Zealand
  Differential Effects on Cooperation from Rituals Varying in Body Synchrony and Sacred Values
- Kristoffer Laigaard Nielbo, Jesper Sørensen, and Uffe Schjoedt, Aarhus University
  Cognitive Resource Depletion in Religious Interactions
Responding:
  Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

A20-284

Ecclesiological Investigations Group
CC-3008
Julie Clague, University of Glasgow, Presiding
Theme: Ecclesiology and Islam: Comparative Explorations in Religion and Community
- Joshua Raslon, Emory University
  The Comeback of Christendom?: Political Ecclesiology and the Challenge of Muslim Immigration
- Jakob Wirén, Lund University
  The Consummation of the Community: Eschatological Perspectives on the Umma and the Church with Regard to the Religious Other

John O’Brien, University of San Diego
  Muslim–Christian Interfaith Encounter in Pakistan
Miroslav Volf, Yale University
  Allah: A Christian Response
Responding:
  Mona Siddiqui, University of Glasgow

A20-285

Student Lounge Roundtable
MM-Pacific C
Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee
Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Tricks of the Trade for Students Seeking Acceptance into PhD Programs
The process of getting into a PhD program can seem shrouded in mystery. Candidates often face seemingly innumerable questions, and venture into the unknown without the tools needed to succeed. In this roundtable we will have an informal discussion over coffee and cookies with selected directors, faculty, and students who are currently a part of several doctoral and/or funding programs to explore the dynamics or “tricks” involved in pursuing the “trade” of applying for a PhD.
Panelists:
  Monica Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
  Dwight Hopkins, University of Chicago
  Dhawn Martin, Drew University
  Peter Phan, Georgetown University
  Joanne Rodriguez, Hispanic Theological Initiative

P20-202

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Governing Board Meeting
PW-Davidson

M20-205

African Diaspora Religions Group, African Religions Group, and the Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), 685 Mission Street, at Third—one block from the Marriott Marquis
Professor Maha Marouan will explore the complex origins of Gnawa, a Moroccan Muslim brotherhood, their religious practices, and the role they play in Morocco’s cultural politics. Their presence dates back to the Trans-Saharan slave trade that, from the 18th century till early 20th century, brought thousands of Sub-Saharan Africans to Morocco.
Like the majority of Moroccans, Gnawa adhere to Sufi Islam, but place particular emphasis on music and trance. Many refer to themselves as “the sons of Bambara” and their music and ceremonies evoke Muslim saints as well as spirits of Fulani and Hausa origins. This talk is part of the Museum’s program series, “Migrations of the Sacred: Spiritual Practices Across the Diaspora.” The Museum will offer a discounted admissions rate of $5 for anyone wearing a conference badge.

M20-207

The Psalm of Howard Thurman

Sunday, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm

CC–3016

Johnny B. Hill, Foundation for Reconciliation and Dialogue, Presiding

Arleigh Prelow, Harvard University

The Psalm of Howard Thurman Documentary Film

Dorsey Blake, Starr King School for The Ministry

Howard Thurman and The Church of the Fellowship of All People

Liza J. Rankow, OneLife Institute

The OneLife Institute and Legacy of Howard Thurman

Responding:

Vincent Harding, Veterans of Hope Project

M20-203

Wiley-Blackwell and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Sunday, 3:30 pm–6:00 pm

HI–Powell

Theme: Are Research and Teaching Mutually Exclusive?

An invitation-only panel discussion aiming to bring together academics and administrators for an open conversation about the balance between research and publishing, and teaching; followed by a networking reception.

P20-391

African Association for the Study of Religion

Sunday, 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

HI–Continental Ballroom 2

Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: Biblical Studies

Celucien L. Joseph, University of Texas, Dallas

Toward a Senghorian Negritude and African Postcolonial Theology

Mutombo Nkulu-N’Sengha, California State University, Northridge


M20-300

Oxford University Press

Sunday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

CC–3009

Theme: Publication of The Jewish Annotated New Testament and Jewish/Christian Relations


Panelists:

Amy-Jill Levine, Vanderbilt University

Marc Zvi Brettler, Brandeis University

Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa

M20-301

Journal of Inter-religious Dialogue

Sunday, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

HI–Yosemite A

Theme: Challenges and Possibilities in Interreligious Education with Paul Knitter

Together with Paul Knitter, Leah Weiss Ekstrom and the Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue seek to write and share a volume of curriculum, teaching strategies, and best practices around inter-religious instruction. The panel discussion seeks to jump-start the process by inviting querying and practice sharing around the challenges presented by inter-religious illiteracy, and the promise of the coming generation of scholars and practitioners who are increasing in religious pluralism and diversity.
M20-311
Harvard University Reception
Sunday, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm
Restaurant Lulu, 816 Folsom Street
Just one block from the Moscone Convention Center. Colleagues, students, alumni, and friends are warmly invited to join us.

M20-303
Tutku Tours
Sunday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 1
Theme: New Archaeological Discoveries in the Seven Churches
Archaeological excavations are ongoing at the sites of the Seven Churches of Revelation. This program will present the latest discoveries at these sites as well as recent publications related to them that help to illuminate the biblical text. New finds at Laodicea and Smyrna will be highlighted especially.

M20-304
Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday, 4:30 pm–6:30 pm
HI-Franciscan B

A20-300
Women’s Lounge Roundtable
MM-Pacific B
Theme: Women and Self-care
Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women’s Caucus
This session will discuss common experiences of mental and psychological health risks that accompany a career as an academic and/or clergyperson; the need to name anxiety, depression, etc. as health issues; and seek support from those who have experienced such issues.

A20-301
Special Topics Forum
CC-3005
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Presiding
Theme: Conversation with Katie Geneva Cannon, 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner
Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee
The Teaching and Learning Committee is pleased to announce that Katie Geneva Cannon is the recipient of the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award winner. Cannon is the Annie Scales Rogers Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. She will make remarks and engage questions and answers from the audience.
Panelists:
Katie Geneva Cannon, Union Presbyterian Seminary

A20-302
Special Topics Forum
CC-2003
Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Reflections: The Study of Religion in the Decade after 9/11
Sponsored by the Journal of the American Academy of Religion
This panel is sponsored by the Journal of the American Academy of Religion to reflect on the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.
Panelists will reflect on their personal, academic, political, and transatlantic experiences over the past decade. In addition to the voices of religious studies scholars, the panel will also include the reflections of theologians and artists whose work have been shaped by and in response to the events of the past decade.
Panelists:
Jack Miles, University of California, Irvine
Mona Siddiqui, University of Glasgow
Kate DeConinck, Harvard University

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A20-303
Special Topics Forum
IC-Marina
Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Theme: How to Propose a New Program Unit
Sponsored by the Program Committee
Join the Director of Meetings for an informal chat about upcoming Annual Meeting initiatives as well as the guidelines and policies for proposing a new program unit.

A20-304
Wildcard Session
CC-2011
Paul Oslington, Australian Catholic University, Presiding
Theme: Promise and Perils of Interdisciplinary Research
Some of the most significant contributions to our understanding of religion have come from collaborations with scholars in other disciplines. This session considers the potential of interdisciplinary research programs, together with some of the intellectual, organisational and incentive problems in making them happen. Our panel includes distinguished scholars with experience of successfully facilitating collaboration between religion scholars and historians, philosophers, scientists, and economists.
Some of the research programs have attracted significant support from funding agencies. The panellists will reflect briefly on the enterprise from their own experience, and there will be plenty of time for discussion.

Robert Russell, Graduate Theological Union
Science and Theology at CTNS
Thomas Hastings, Center of Theological Inquiry
Facilitating Interdisciplinary Theological Inquiry
Neil Ormerod, Australian Catholic University
Bernard Lonergan’s Economics: A Case Study — Economists and Theologians Working Together in the Shadow of the Financial Crisis
Miroslav Volf, Yale University
Divinity and Business School Cooperation: The Experience of the Yale University Faith and Globalization Program

A20-305
Wildcard Session
IC-Telegraph Hill
Craig Hovey, Ashland University, and Cyrus Olsen, University of Scranton, Presiding
Theme: The Hermeneutics of Tradition
A religious tradition’s development requires ongoing study as our appreciation for historical context and complexity increases. The hermeneutics of tradition seminar shall address the dynamics of assimilating difference through text and culture as we navigate the shifting boundaries of interpretation that capture the self-understanding of religious groups.

Our particular focus is upon Christianity and its varied embodiments in the traditions of Catholic, Anglican, Orthodox, Methodist, and Lutheran polities. As a diverse ecumenical group of North American, European, and Australian scholars of Christianity, we shall increase understanding of how tradition and self-understanding intertwine in a developmental context. We thus aim to present our work in order to engage in dialogue with a wider scholarly community as we attend together to the shapes, discourse, and practices of religious traditions so that such shared insight can become a part of our collectively published research.

Panelists:
Teresa Swan Tuite, Oberlin College
Hans Boersma, Regent College
Robert Koerpel, Saint Catherine University
Will Cohen, University of Scranton

A20-306
North American Religions Section
CC-2001
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding
Theme: Artifacts of Crisis: Religion and the Material Culture of Cataclysm
This panel examines the material and visual culture associated with catastrophes endured, imagined, and feared and the myriad ways these objects, images, and structures have expressed and shaped the religious beliefs and practices of Americans from the mid-nineteenth century to the present day.
Taken together, these papers argue that the material and visual culture of cataclysm is an ideal source base for examining the religious nature of American attempts both to control and shape memories of catastrophes and to master “the cataclysmic.” Panelists ask how objects and images are constitutive of American religions in moments of crisis, and what work these things do for those experiencing cultural calamity in the face of colonial power, “witnessing” famine half a world away, and “remembering” fallen Americans. They also point to the material and visual interconnectedness of America’s Christianities with global geographies and faiths.

Jennifer Graber, College of Wooster
Between Two Worlds: Kiowa Ledger Art and the Narration of Cultural Calamity
Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University
“Famine Horrors”: North American Missionary Photographs and the Visual Culture of Cataclysmic Suffering
Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois
Monumental Failures: Visual Culture, War Memories, and the Limits of American Civil Religion
Responding:
Sally M. Promey, Yale University

Location Key:
CC–Moscone Center West • MM–Marriott Marquis • IC–InterContinental • PW–Parc 55 Wyndham • HI–Hilton Union Square
Sunday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm

A20-307

Wildcard Session

CC-2007

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Sport: The State of the Field

While other academic disciplines have well established studies of sport, the field of Religion and Sport is in an earlier developmental stage. Yet engagement with this field has grown substantially over the past few years. This panel brings together leading and emerging scholars who study religion and sport in a dialogue about the state of the field and emergent research directions. The panel will examine religion and sport from the perspectives of its various sub-specializations: the popular culture/civil religion discourse on how sport functions as religion in different societies; how various religions understand and engage with sport and athleticism historically and contemporarily, including intersections with race, gender, nationality, and ethnicity; the confluence between religion and sport in the realm of the mystical and spiritual; and the study of sport and religion as it intersects with the larger emergent emphasis on embodiment and materiality in religious experience.

Panelists:

- Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University
- Linda J. Borish, Western Michigan University
- Amy Koehler, Florida State University
- E. Carter Turner, Radford University

Responding:

- Joseph L. Price, Whittier College

A20-308

Wildcard Session

IC-Union Square

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding

Theme: Institutionalizing Interfaith: Emerging Models for Educating Religious Leaders in a Multireligious Context

How do we train the next generation of spiritual leaders, rooted in their own religious tradition with the skills and motivation to work across faith lines? What are the underlying assumptions of the various models for training seminarians for a multireligious context? What are the benefits and challenges of training seminarians alongside students from other traditions?

This panel will focus on emerging models for training Jewish, Christian and Muslim seminarians. We will explore the growing emphasis on interfaith in seminaries and rabbinical schools along with the theological, educational and institutional implications. Scholars, educators, and practitioners from Andover Newton Theological School, Claremont School of Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Hartford Seminary, Hebrew College, and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College will share their insights, reflections, and analysis of the emerging trend toward interfaith at each of these institutions.

Panelists:

- Or Rose, Hebrew College
- Judith A. Berling, Graduate Theological Union
- Garfield Swaby, Hartford Seminary
- Nancy Fuchs Kreimer, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

Responding:

- Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

A20-309

Wildcard Session

MM-Yerba Buena 9

Forough Jahanbakhsh, Queen’s University, Presiding

Theme: Discussion with Abdul Karim Soroush on Revelation, Reform, and Secularism

This session is a conversation with Abdul Karim Soroush, based on his latest book The Expansion of Prophetic Experience: Essays on Historicity, Contingency, and Plurality in Religion (Brill Academic Publishing, 2009). Discussions will revolve around two major themes. First, we will explore Soroush’s thinking on the “historicity and contingency of Revelation” and its implications for Islamic reform. Second, we will discuss what kind of Muslim religiosity may accommodate pluralism and secularism. The session will allow for a question-and-answer period.

Panelists:

- Abdul Karim Soroush, Princeton University
- Andrew Rippin, University of Victoria

A20-310

Buddhism Section and Anthropology of Religion Group

IC-Intercontinental Ballroom B

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: State-of-the-Field Roundtable: Ethnographic Approaches to Buddhism

Panelists:

- Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University
- Daniel Kent, Whitman College
- Jessica Starling, University of Virginia
- Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont
- Mark Rowe, McMaster University

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A20-311

Christian Systematic Theology Section
CC-2014
Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding
Theme: The Second Person of the Trinity
Matt Paulson, Graduate Theological Union
Christology, Trinity, and Divine Affectivity: Rethinking Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Theology of Holy Saturday
Alyssa Pitstick, Hope College
Balthasar’s Christology: Advance in Orthodoxy or Return of Heresy?
Todd Walatka, University of Notre Dame
Trinitarian Theology and Christology: Kathryn Tanner and Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Concrete Life of Jesus

A20-312

Ethics Section
CC-2009
Alexandra Chambers, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Sex, Scandal, and Sexuality and the Crisis of Religious Leadership
Donald Matthews, Naropa University
They Don’t Care About Black Women: Abuse of Power in the Black Church
Jeanine Viau, Loyola University, Chicago
“With Her Hands on the Threshold”: Examining Judges 19–21, Sexual Violence, and Magisterial Culpability
Monique Moultrie, Western Kentucky University
Don’t Ask Until I Tell: Leadership through Sexual Confession
Katherine Hennessey, Graduate Theological Union
Sex Ed in Catholic Schools: An Interdisciplinary, Virtue-based Approach
Responding:
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University

A20-313

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
CC-2002
Hetty Zock, University of Groningen, Presiding
Theme: Book Panel on Jeremy R. Carrette’s Religion and Critical Psychology: Religious Experience in the Knowledge Economy (Routledge, 2007)
Panelists:
Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University
Responding:
Jeremy R. Carrette, University of Kent

A20-314

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
CC-3000
Paul Lim, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Marion Grau’s Rethinking Mission on the Postcolony: Salvation, Society and Subversion (T & T Clark International, 2011)
Panelists:
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University
Willie J. Jennings, Duke University
Gerald West, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Responding:
Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union
Business Meeting:
Anne Job, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

A20-315

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
MM-Yerba Buena 10
Danielle Elizabeth Tumminio, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Performing Love and Embodiment
Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary
Words Made Flesh: Explorations of the Divine Embodiment of Erotic Love
Jacob Myers, Emory University
Before the Gaze Ineffable: A Postmodern Reading of Song of Songs
Justine Smith, Harvard University
Performatice Absences: Creating Indigenized Christianities and Indigenous Sovereignty Systems through Erasure
Adriaan van Klinken, Utrecht University
The Body of Christ as a Queer Community

A20-316

Black Theology Group and Science, Technology, and Religion Group
MM-Pacific H
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Reimagining Black Theology after Google
Ralph Watkins, Columbia Theological Seminary
The Virtual Becomes the Real via a Connected Africa and African Diaspora as Africana Theology Becomes Public Theology: A Method of Sharing Our Story and Recovering Our History Real Virtually
Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Your Ancestors are Waiting in Cyberspace!: Genealogy, DNA, and Diasporic Mediascapes
Eboni Utley, California State University, Long Beach
Cyberreligion, Conspiracy, and the Twenty-first Century
Responding:
Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
A20-317

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group and Animals and Religion Group

IC-Laurel Hill

Tamar C. Reich, Indiana University, Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: Animals and Religion — Beyond Sacrifice

Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne University
Animal Justice and Moral Mendacities: Between Hinduism and Judaism

Maria Lindquist, Harvard University
Eat or Be Eaten: Animals as Agents of Yhwh’s Retaliatory Justice in the Elijah Narrative

Veena Howard, University of Oregon
Animal Narratives in the Mahābhārata: Lessons of Compassion and Justice from the Hawk and the Dog

Responding:
Amy L. Allocco, Elon University
Karen Pechilis, Drew University, Presiding

A20-318

Daoist Studies Group

MM-Nob Hill C

Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado, Boulder, Presiding

Theme: On the National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar: “An Introduction to Daoist Literature and History”

Panelists:
Robert Campany, Vanderbilt University
Ng Zhiru, Pomona College
Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University

Responding:
Lewis Lancaster, Stinson Beach, CA

A20-319

Gay Men and Religion Group

IC-Nob Hill

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Slippery Texts/Queer Hermeneutics

Christopher Ashley, Union Theological Seminary
Practices of Discernment and Prophecy in Angels in America

Devan Hite, Chicago Theological Seminary
“That They Might Have Joy”: Toward a Postheteronormative, Gay Mormon Hermeneutic

A20-320

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group

MM-Yerba Buena 3

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: Behind Enemy Lines

Lee Gilmore, California State University, Northridge, and Sabina Magliocco, California State University, Northridge
Pagans at the Parliament: Interfaith Dialogue between Pagan and Indigenous Communities

Carmen Lansdowne, Graduate Theological Union
“Dances with Dependency”: An Indigenous Theological Exploration of Dependency and Development Theories and Their Influence on Liberation Theology for the Twenty-first Century

Comfort Max-Wirth, Florida International University
The Occult and Politics in Ghana: Tapping into the Pentecostal Discourse of Demonizing African Traditional Religion as a Political Strategy

Orenda Boucher, Concordia University
Violence and the Grotesque of Sacred Bodies: Iconography of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

A20-321

Islamic Mysticism Group

MM-Yerba Buena 13

Laury Silvers, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: The Fall of the Image: Finding and Losing Oneself through Iconoclasm

Mohammed Rustom, Carleton University
Mulla Sadra on Idol-Smashing

Elizabeth R. Alexandrin, University of Manitoba
“Kill or Cure”: Corporeality in the Sufi Works of Shams al-Din al-Daylami

Richard McGregor, Vanderbilt University
Images and Others: Sufi Iconoclasm and the Problem of Comparative Religion

Responding:
Jamal J. Elias, University of Pennsylvania
A20–322
New Religious Movements Group
MM-Yerba Buena 6
Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College, Presiding
Theme: Strategies of Legitimation in New Religions
Erik Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University
The Heart-of-Mind Method: Legitimating a Buddhist New Religious Movement in 1930s China
Carrie Dohe, University of Chicago
Jungian Archetypes, Metagenetics, and Kennewick Man: Scientific Discourses and Racial Theory in American Folkish Asatru
Spencer Allen, University of Pennsylvania
Tony Alano and His New Testament Brand of Christian Polygyny

A20–323
Reformed Theology and History Group
PW-Mason
J. Todd Billings, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Divine Attributes
Panelists:
Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Laura Smit, Calvin College
C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University
Christopher Holmes, University of Otago

A20–324
Religion and Ecology Group
CC-2006
David Haberman, Indiana University, Presiding
Panelists:
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico
Lisa Sideris, Indiana University
Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University
John Baumann, University of Oregon
Responding:
Bron Taylor, University of Florida

A20–325
Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
MM-Yerba Buena 12
Néstor Medina, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Santa Muerte: The Mexican Saint Death in Theory and Practice
R. Andrew Chesnut, Virginia Commonwealth University
Devoted to Death: Santa Muerte, the Skeleton Saint
Rafael Gamboa, University of California, Santa Barbara
Santa Muerte: Love, Luck, and Life
Stanley Brandes, University of California, Berkeley
Day of the Dead in Mexico and Beyond
Responding:
Lois Ann Lorentzen, University of San Francisco

A20–326
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
MM-Yerba Buena 4
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding
Theme: Responses to Michael Rothberg’s Multidirectional Memory: Remembering the Holocaust in the Age of Decolonization (Stanford University Press, 2009)
Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
Deep Dark Truthful Mirror: Racial Representations, Multidirectional Memory, and the Nature of White Supremacy
Rachael Kamel, Temple University
Multidirectional Memory Offering Safe Passage through Torturous Terrain
Responding:
Michael Rothberg, University of Illinois

A20–327
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
MM-Yerba Buena 14
Megan Shore, University of Western Ontario, Presiding
Theme: Secular, Faith-based, Grassroots Peacebuilding?
Robert Gonzalez, Azusa Pacific University
Secular and Faith-based or Sectarian and Worldly?: Divergent Approaches to Peacemaking among the American Friends Service Committee and Evangelical Friends
Alain Epp Weaver, University of Chicago
Brushing History against the Grain: Religious/Secular NGOs and Palestinian Refugee Remembrance and Return
Frida Kern Ferman, DePaul University
Religion and Reconciliation: Grassroots Peacebuilding by Israelis and Palestinians

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A20-328

Ritual Studies Group
IC-Potrero Hill
Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding
Theme: Case Studies in Ritual Practice
Holly Grether, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Homa: An Exemplary Asian Fire Sacrifice*
Jonathan Cahana, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
*Dismantling Gender: Between Ancient Gnostic Ritual and Modern Queer BDSM*
Ori Tavor, University of Pennsylvania
*Ritual as a Technology of the Body in Early Confucianism*

Business Meeting:
Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

A20-329

Sacred Space in Asia Group
IC-Twin Peaks
Tsering Wangchuk, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: Empowering Presence: Identity Construction in Indian and Tibetan Sacred Spaces
Rohit Singh, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Sacred Displacement: Shifting Sacred Centers and the Reconstruction of Tibetan Muslim Identity*
Alexander Gardner, Shelley and Donald Rubin Foundation
*The Enthronement of Jamgon Kongtrul: Tibetan Treasure Revelation as a Ritual of Site Sanctification*
Luke Whitmore, Toronto, ON
*Many Facets, One Power: Shiva’s Abode of Kedarnath at the Beginning of a New Millennium*
James M. Hastings, Wingate University
*Marching to Drumbeats: Processions and the Delineation of Jain Identity in a South Indian Pilgrim Center*

Responding:
Patricia Berger, University of California, Berkeley

A20-330

Tantric Studies Group
MM-Sierra A
Lorilai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Presiding
Theme: Tantra Out of the Box: Young Scholars Looking at Tantra across Disciplines and from Outside Perspectives
Chip Horner, University of Colorado
*Scientific Embodiment: Affective Dimensions of Knowledge in Peircean Abduction, Neurocognitive Science, and the Trika Saivism of Kashmir*
Alberta Ferrario, University of Pennsylvania
*The Place of Devotion in Tantric Śaivism: Reflections on “Tantra” and “Bhakti”*
Jason Schwartz, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Kaulas in the Courts of the Kings: Tantric Śādhana in S itu in Two Early Modern Works of Sanskrit Literature*

Responding:
Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College

Business Meeting:
Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University, and Lorilai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Presiding

A20-331

North American Hinduism Group
MM-Yerba Buena 11
Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College, Presiding
Theme: Constructions of Hindu Selves and Hindu Others in North America
Michele Verma, Rice University
*Indo-Caribbeans in the United States: Cracking the Conflation of “Hindu” and “Indian”*
Anya Pokazanyeva, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Faith on the Mat: Hindus, Protestants, and the Construction of Yoga*
Michael Altman, Emory University
*Sightings and Blind Spots: The “Protestant Lens” and the Construction of Hinduism*

Responding:
Steven W. Ramey, University of Alabama

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A20-332

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
CC–3006
Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University, Presiding
Theme: Comparative Reflections on Women’s Agency Under Feminist Scrutiny
  Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University
  Female Priestly Subjectivity and Dynasty in Early Mormonism
  Jennifer E. Beste, Xavier University
  Sexist Norms on Steroids: College Women’s Social and Sexual Reality
  Sara Ababneh, Center for Strategic Studies
  Female Islamists Under Feminist Scrutiny: How to Examine Nonfeminist Groups in Terms of Women’s Empowerment in Occupied Palestine
Business Meeting:
  Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University, Presiding

M20-314

Pacific School of Religion Reception in Honor of Mary Tolbert
Sunday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm
HI–Plaza Ballroom A

M20-310

Religion in South Asia Section and Dharma Association of North America
Sunday, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm
PW–Cyril Magnin I
Theme: Kumaré: Film Screening and Q & A with Director Vikram Gandhi
Kumaré is an enlightened guru from the East who builds a following of disciples in the West. But Kumaré is not real. He is an American filmmaker named Vikram Gandhi, who has transformed himself into Kumaré as the centerpiece of a social experiment designed to explore and test one of the world’s most sacred taboos. Concealing his true identity from all he meets, Kumaré forges profound, spiritual connections with real people from all walks of life. At the same time, in the absurdity of living as an entirely different person, Vikram the filmmaker is forced to confront difficult questions about his own identity. At the height of his popularity he reveals his greatest teaching: his true self. A playful yet genuine and insightful look at belief and spirituality, the film crosses a line few have dared to cross, all to discover: from illusion comes truth. Screening and Q & A with Vikram Gandhi.

P20-300

Theta Alpha Kappa Annual Members’ Meeting and Reception
Sunday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm
HI–Continental Ballroom 3
All chapter moderators, members, and those interested in learning more about establishing a chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa are invited to join the Board of Directors at this annual meeting and reception. The Kathleen Connolly-Weinert Leader of the Year Award will be presented and new officers will be elected.

P20-316

Catholic Biblical Association and Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Joint Reception
Sunday, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm
HI–Continental Ballroom 5
The Catholic Biblical Association and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine invite CBA members and other interested biblical scholars to a reception to celebrate, in particular, the publication of the New American Bible, revised edition. Please join us to learn more about the CBA and to honor the completion of this significant contribution to biblical scholarship in the Church.

P20-301

Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting
Sunday, 5:45 pm–6:15 pm
IC–Howard
A20-401 • Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm • Marriott Marquis–Golden Gate C2

John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Celebrate the achievements of the 2011 AAR award winners at the ceremony and reception held in their honor.

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**Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion**
Jonathan Sarna, Brandeis University

**Excellence in Teaching Award**
Katie Geneva Cannon, Union Presbyterian Seminary

**Religion and the Arts Award**
Gary Snyder

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**2011 Best In-depth Reporting on Religion Awards**

**First Place:** John Blake, CNN.com

**Second Place:** Dan Gilgoff, CNN.com

**Third Place:** Jason Berry, National Catholic Reporter

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**2011 Excellence in the Study of Religion Book Awards**

**Analytical-Descriptive**
Amira Mittermaier
*Dreams that Matter: Egyptian Landscapes of the Imagination*
University of California Press, 2011

**Constructive-Reflective**
Willie James Jennings
*The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*
Yale University Press, 2010

**Historical**
Johan Elverskog
*Buddhism and Islam on the Silk Road*
University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011

**Textual**
Ross Shepard Kraemer
*Unreliable Witnesses: Religion, Gender, and History in the Greco-Roman Mediterranean*
Oxford University Press, 2011

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**2011 Best First Book in the History of Religions**
Andrew Nicholson
*Unifying Hinduism: Philosophy and Identity in Indian Intellectual History*
Columbia University Press
Individual Research Grants

G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University
*The Sacred Drink of the Forest: An Exploration of the Santo Daime Tradition in Brazil*

Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University
*The Revival of Communal Religion in Present Northern Rural China: The Worship of Lady Wei (251–334 AD) as a Case Study*

Connie Lasher, Santa Clara University
*“Ignatian Humanism” and Ecological Identity: Extending the Legacy of Jesuit Higher Education*

Cuong Mai, University of Vermont
*The Cult of the Goddess Quan Am in Medieval Vietnam*

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University
*The Social and Textual Landscape of a Medieval Muslim Scholarly Community*

Michael Penn, Mount Holyoke College
*The Automated Scribal Identification Project*

International Dissertation Research Grant

Mashal Saif, Duke University
*Research Destination: Sana’a, Yemen and Lahore, Pakistan*

Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation Research Fellowship

Mudgha Yeolekar, Arizona State University
*Research Destination: Dattatreya Temples, Main Libraries and Audumbar Trees within Pune, India*

Regional Development Grants

Midwest Region
Cristina Traina, Northwestern University
*Graduate Conference on “Religion and the Trans...”*

Rocky Mountain–Great Plains Region
Beth Katz, Project Interfaith
*Community Mosaic Video Project*

Southeast Region
Charles Mathewes, Philip Lorish, Christina McRorie, and Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia
*Virginia Graduate Colloquium on Theology, Ethics, and Culture*
M20-312

Immigration and Theology Group
Sunday, 6:00 pm–7:00 pm
MM-Pacific E
The Immigration and Theology Group invites all those interested in the issues involving the relationship between immigration and theology to attend our meeting. Presenters will include: Chaviva Levin (Yeshiva University); Hussam Tumani (Christopher Newport University); and Shalahudin Kafrawi (Hobart and William Smith Colleges).

M20-315

The Jewish Annotated New Testament Reception
Sunday, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
MM–Atrium Lobby

P20-392

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Sunday, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
HI–Golden Gate 1
Theme: New Teachers’ Dinner
Each year the Wabash Center invites a group of new faculty for a fine dinner and directed table conversations about the first years of teaching. Dinner is by invitation only.
If you know someone whom we should invite, please send us their name and email address. Please include their academic discipline, their graduate program, and the number of years they have been teaching full-time.
Send nominations by October 1 to:
Paul Myhre
Associate Director of the Wabash Center
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P20-303

Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought
Sunday, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
IC–Howard
Theme: American Journal of Theology and Philosophy Annual Lecture
Wayne L. Proudfoot, Columbia University
Pragmatism and Naturalism in the Study of Religion

M20-306

Western Esotericism Group Business Meeting
Sunday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm
IC–Russian Hill

M20-307

Fund for Theological Education Annual Reception Honoring Fellows and Alumni
Sunday, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
HI–Imperial Ballroom A

M20-308

Explorations in Theology and the Apocalyptic
Sunday, 6:30 pm–9:00 pm
MM–Sierra C
Christopher Morse, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Jacob Taubes and Christian Theology
Each of these four papers will engage in constructive theological reflection on the themes and arguments of Taubes’ Occidental Eschatology (Stanford University Press, 2009) and the essays collected in From Cult to Culture: Fragments toward a Critique of Historical Reason (Stanford University Press, 2009).
Sam V. Adams, St. Andrews University, Scotland
Apocalyptic Cosmic Imaginary: Time and Space in Taubes, Moltmann, and Barth
Ben Myers, Charles Sturt University, Australia
Jacob Taubes: Apocalyptic Time and the Retreat from History
David Congdon, Princeton Theological Seminary
Eschatologizing Apocalyptic: A Reconsideration of the Messianic Event
Virgil Bower, Chicago Theological Seminary/Northwestern University
Embodied Eschatology: Jacob Taubes on Paul, Marx & Kierkegaard

M20-309

IVP Academic
Sunday, 6:45 pm–8:45 pm
CC–2022
Theme: The Reformation Commentary on Scripture Series Lecture with Timothy George
In October 2011, IVP Academic launched the Reformation Commentary on Scripture, a 28 volume series of exegetical commentary spanning the entire canon and gathered from the writings of sixteenth-century reformers.
To commemorate this landmark publishing event, series general editor and Beeson Divinity School Dean Timothy George will deliver a brief lecture on the theological exegesis of the reformers. Light refreshments will be provided.
A20-400

**Templeton Lecture — Martin J. Rees**

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm

MM–Golden Gate A-B

Theme: Our Final Hour: Can Our Species Determine the Fate of the Earth?

Martin J. Rees, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge and Astronomer Royal, is one of the world’s leading theoretical astrophysicists. His contributions to our understanding of cosmic phenomena have been exceptionally broad-based, and his pioneering research has engaged with the origin of cosmic structures and the long-term future. He has also speculated about concepts of multiverse, complexity, apparent “fine tuning,” and other fundamental questions where science interfaces with philosophy and theology. Rees has spent much of his career as professor of astrophysics and cosmology in Cambridge, and served as president of the Royal Society from 2005 to 2010. He has been an eloquent presenter of scientific ideas to general audiences, with numerous articles, books, and broadcasts to his credit, and has increasingly engaged with issues of science policy. Most recently he delivered the 2010 Reith Lectures for the BBC, a series of talks exploring the ethical challenges facing science in the 21st century.

P20-401

**Society for the Study of Chinese Religions**

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

HI–Taylor

P20-402

**Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy**

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

HI–Continental Ballroom 2

James Heisig, Nanzan University, Presiding

Theme: Current Themes in the Philosophy of Nishida Kitaro

Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University

Unraveling the Kyoto School’s Logic of Soku—How ‘Negation qua Affirmation’ is Possible

Takushi Odagiri, Stanford University

Nishida’s System of Universals and His Concept of Religious Consciousness

Gereon Kopf, Luther College

Critical or Topological: Reading Nishida as Subversive Philosopher

M20-444

**Bible and Africana Life Initiative (BALI)**

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

PW–Ashbury

Authors who contributed to True to Our Native Land (Fortress, 2007) or The Africana Bible (Fortress, 2010); and those interested in either further exploring the feasibility of an Africana biblical translation or contributing to a planned Handbook on the Bible in the African Diaspora are invited to participate in a brainstorming and strategic visioning session. For additional information, please contact Dr. Hugh R. Page, Jr. at poeto@me.com.

M20-400

**Societe Internationale d’Études sur Alfred Loisy**

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

HI–Union Square 22

Benjamin Peters, St. Joseph College, Presiding

Theme: Part I — Loisy’s Carnets

Frederic Amsler, Universite de Lausanne

Alfred Loisy as Himself

Theme: Part II — Loisy’s Firmin Articles

Andrew Pierce, Trinity College, Dublin

According to Cardinal Newman? The Sources and Targets of A. Firmin

Jeffrey Morrow, Seton Hall University

Doctrinal Development: Alfred Loisy, Biblical Criticism and the “Firmin” Articles

M20-401

**Bahá’í Studies Colloquy**

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm

HI–Mason

Susan Maneck, Jackson State University, Presiding

Mike McMullen, University of Houston – Clear Lake

Bahá’í Participation in FACT: Ten Years of Data 2000–2010

Robert H. Stockman, DePaul University, Chicago

Race, Religion, and Progress in the Discourse of Swami Vivekananda, Anagarika Dharmapala, and `Abdu’l-Bahá ‘Abbás

For additional information about the Bahá’í Studies Colloquy, contact Robert Stockman at rstockman@usbnc.org or 847-337-7750 (cell).

M20-402

**Denver University/Illiff School of Theology Joint PhD Program Reception**

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

HI–Golden Gate 6
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<td>Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm</td>
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<td>The Theology Faculty of Oxford University welcomes colleagues, friends, alumni/ae and prospective graduate students for drinks and updates on developments and to meet current faculty members. Information is available at <a href="http://www.theology.ox.ac.uk">www.theology.ox.ac.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/postgraduate">www.admin.ox.ac.uk/postgraduate</a>.</td>
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<td>Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Reception</td>
<td>Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm</td>
<td>HI-Lombard</td>
<td>Persons connected to the Unitarian Universalist tradition are invited to gather for conversation and to plan next year’s events. Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Harvard Divinity School, Beacon Press, and UUA Panel on Theological Education.</td>
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<td>Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm</td>
<td>HI-Van Ness</td>
<td>The Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Otago welcomes alumni/ae, prospective graduate students, and friends for drinks and to meet current faculty members and graduate students. Otago is New Zealand’s oldest university and the first to establish programmes in Theology and Religion. For further information see <a href="http://www.otago.ac.nz/religion/research.html">www.otago.ac.nz/religion/research.html</a> or <a href="http://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/research">www.otago.ac.nz/theology/research</a>.</td>
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<td>Sunday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm</td>
<td>HI-Plaza Ballroom B</td>
<td>Accordance warmly welcomes you to an informal reception, whether you are a user of the software or just interested. This is an opportunity to meet the Accordance scholars and staff, and get to know other users in a relaxed setting.</td>
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<td>Association of Theological Schools Presentation and Reception</td>
<td>Sunday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm</td>
<td>IC-Grand Ballroom B</td>
<td>This event, sponsored by The Association of Theological Schools, will honor Dr. Glen H. Stassen, Lewis B. Smedes Professor of Christian Ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary, for his career as a theological educator. Dr. Stassen will speak about his vocation as a theological educator serving in a theological seminary and how his work as a scholar fits within that vocation. A reception will follow the presentation.</td>
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<td>University of Wales Trinity Saint David Reception</td>
<td>Sunday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm</td>
<td>HI-Yosemite B-C</td>
<td>The School of Theology, Religious Studies and Islamic Studies at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David welcomes friends, colleagues, alumni, and prospective graduate students to this reception. Members of staff will provide news and information about recent developments. Information is also available at <a href="http://www.tsd.ac.uk">www.tsd.ac.uk</a>.</td>
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<td>Princeton Theological Seminary Reception</td>
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<td>PW-Embarcadero</td>
<td>Join faculty, staff, alumni/ae and friends as Princeton celebrates the work of the Academy and the Society in a reception for all. Food and cash bar will be provided. Welcome to all.</td>
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Youth Theological Initiative (YTI) Reception
Sunday, 7:30 pm–9:00 pm
PW-Mission III
All past participants, former staff and friends of the Youth Theological Initiative (YTI) at Emory University are invited to gather to reunite and network, as well as hear updates from the director about the YTI program, as it prepares for its 20th anniversary. Please contact Beth Corrie at bcorrie@emory.edu for further information.

M20-416
Jewish Theological Seminary Graduate School Reception
Sunday, 7:30 pm–9:30 pm
PW-Sutro
The Graduate School of JTS invites you to a kosher reception for current and prospective students, faculty, alumni and friends of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Feel free to spread the word and bring your colleagues. No RSVP required.

M20-417
University of Iowa Alumni/Friends Reception
Sunday, 7:30 pm–9:30 pm
HI-Sutter

A20-402
Plenary Address
Sunday, 8:00 pm–9:00 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 9
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: New Thoughts on Solidarity
This lecture will consider the relationship between sexual and religious minorities in the context of the right to appear in public. Additionally, the lecture will address the affiliative meanings of queer in light of new efforts to separate queer politics from anti racist and anti colonial struggles.
Panelist:
Judith Butler, University of California, Berkeley

M20-435
Union Presbyterian Seminary Alumni/ae Dessert Reception
Sunday, 8:00 pm–9:30 pm
IC-SoMa
Union Presbyterian Seminary alumni/ae, faculty, staff and students are invited to join together for dessert and fellowship. Please RSVP to Jessi Bullard Young, jessi.young@upsbsem.edu or (804) 278-4245. Cost is $10. You may pay in advance to Jessi Bullard Young (3401 Brook Rd, Richmond, VA 23227) or you may pay at the door.

M20-440
Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Reception
Sunday, 8:00 pm–9:30 pm
PW-Hearst
This is a reception honoring the formal opening of the Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice and the publication of its inaugural volume, Liberating Biblical Study: Scholarship, Art, and Activism. The mission of this project is to provide biblical resources for those committed to the study and practice of social justice in contemporary church and society. The Center and Library, located at the Stony Point Conference Center in Stony Point, NY, will connect theologically-informed social activists and justice-oriented scholars through a research library and accompanying educational programs. Our website is www.clbsj.org.
Contact Norman Gottwald, Treasurer, at ngrejoice@comcast.net or 765 Hilldale Ave., Berkeley CA 94708 for information on donations of appropriate books and financial contributions.

A20-404
Film: Of Gods and Men
Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM-Nob Hill A
Antonio D. Sison, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
This film is the cinematic retelling of the true story of eight French Cistercian Trappist monks who were caught in the eye of the protracted civil war in Algeria during the 1990s. In the crossfire between the authoritarian government and brutal Islamic extremists, the monks came to the difficult, altruistic decision of remaining with their impoverished Muslim flock at the risk of their own lives. The film evinces the delicate dance between the monastic call to solitude and contemplation and the Christian imperative to love one's neighbor, here expressed in profound interreligious solidarity and sociopolitical engagement. Based largely on John Kiser's The Monks of Tibhirine: Faith, Love, and Terror in Algeria (Saint Martin's Press, 2002), the film has been applauded in religious and critical circles and won the Prize of the Ecumenical Jury at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival.
A20-405
Film: Poetry
Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM-Nob Hill B
Craig Detweiler, Pepperdine University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Mija has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer’s. She enrolls in a poetry class, perhaps eager to put words to life before they fail her. Mija’s grandson is implicated in a horrible crime. Can Mija find poetry amidst tragedy? Prior to making movies, director Lee Chang-dong served as South Korea’s culture minister.
He coaxed legendary actress Yun Jung-hee out of retirement to play Mija. This award-winning picture awakens our senses. Shocking, mesmerizing, and rewarding, Poetry lives up to its title.

A20-406
Film: Syrian Bride
Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM-Nob Hill C
Ken Derry, University of Toronto, Presiding
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
The Syrian Bride (2004) is a romantic comedy that considers the Arab-Israeli conflict through the lens of two families that are about to be joined by an arranged marriage. Mona, the bride-to-be, must cross the demilitarized zone that lies between her Druze home in Golan Heights and Syria, where her husband and his family wait for her. The problem is that, according to Syria, Mona’s home is in fact Syrian, while Israel claims the territory as its own. The focus of the narrative is thus Mona’s attempt to overcome both sides’ refusal to agree on where the border lies, so that she can cross it.
Along the way the film has a very good time exploring issues of family, relationships, commitment, and history. Directed by Eran Riklis, The Syrian Bride is the winner of several international awards, including the “Grand Prix” for best film at the 2004 Montreal World Film Festival.

A20-407
Film: Connected
Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM-Nob Hill D
Jeanette Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
With wonderful heart and an impressive sense of scale, Tiffany Shlain’s vibrant and insightful documentary, Connected, explores the visible and invisible connections linking major issues of our time — the environment, consumption, population growth, technology, human rights, the global economy — while searching for her place in the world during a transformative time in her life. Employing a splendidly imaginative combination of animation and archival footage, plus several surprises, Shlain constructs a chronological tour of Western modernization through the work of her late father, Leonard Shlain, a surgeon and best-selling author of Art and Physics and The Alphabet Versus the Goddess. With humor and irony, the Shlain family life merges with philosophy to create both a personal portrait and a proposal for ways we can move forward as a civilization. Connected illuminates the beauty and tragedy of human endeavor while boldly championing the importance of personal connectedness for understanding and coping with today’s global conditions.

M20-418
Princeton University Reception
Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
HI-Golden Gate 7-8

M20-441
Synousia
Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:30 pm
MM-Pacific G
Theme: Lucretius, Marcus Aurelius, Marx
This Synousia session will involve a collective analysis of selected texts by Lucretius, Marcus Aurelius, and Marx on the theme of Matter and the Gods. All interested parties are welcome.

M20-436
Durham University Reception
Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:30 pm
IC-Grand Ballroom C
You are warmly invited to a drinks reception hosted by staff and research students from the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University (U.K.). We look forward to welcoming former and prospective students, along with other friends.
A20-408
Arts Series: Miri Hunter Haruach and Sheba's Caravan
Sunday, 8:30 pm–9:30 pm
CC-2001
Miri Hunter Haruach, a scholar, actor, and a singer/songwriter. She is currently adjunct professor in women's spirituality at the California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, lecturer at Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA, and founder of Project Sheba. She is also past president of the AAR’s Western Region and presents at conferences around the world, speaking on topics such as women’s spirituality, diversity and multiculturalism, social activism, and various topics related to the Jewish and African diasporas. Her musical CD, based on the Book of Psalms, is entitled The Ways of Love. The song My Soul Will Be Restored, from that CD, was voted International Folk Song of the Year in 2007 by Toronto Exclusive Magazine. Haruach currently lives in Hollywood where she writes, performs, and teaches workshops on the wisdom of the Queen of Sheba and the Tree of Life. She also facilitates workshops and meditation groups on kundalini energy.

A20-409
Arts Series: Amalia Mesa-Bains: Circle of Ancestors
Sunday, 8:30 pm–9:30 pm
CC-3024
Be sure to visit Amalia Mesa-Bains’ art installation, Circle of Ancestors, on display throughout the Annual Meeting in Moscone Center West-3024.

Amalia Mesa-Bains is a psychologist, curator, author, and artist. She received a BA in painting from San Jose State University before earning a MA in interdisciplinary education from San Francisco State University and a PhD in clinical psychology from the Wright Institute of Berkeley, California. She has worked for the San Francisco Unified School District as a psychologist. During the period between 1965 and 1985 she was the regional committee chair for Northern California for the exhibition Chicano Art: Resistance and Affirmation. She is the author of Ceremony of Spirit: Nature and Memory in Contemporary Latino Art (Mexican Museum, 1993). Mesa-Bains has received the San Francisco Mission Cultural Center's Award of Honor (1989), the Association of American Cultures' Artist Award, the Chicana Foundation of Northern California's Distinguished Working Women Award (1990), the INTAR–Hispanic Arts Center's Golden Palm Award (1991), and the MacArthur Fellowship award (1992). Her first exhibit was at the 1967 Phelan Awards show, which took place in the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. Mesa-Bains began creating altar installations in 1975. Her artistic work is often autobiographical, relating to her Mexican Catholic heritage. Although these works take the form of an altar, they are not specifically intended for religious use. According to Kristin G. Congdon and Kara Kelley Hallmark, authors of Artists from Latin American Cultures: A Biographical Dictionary (Greenwood, 2002), “Mesa-Bains’s altars often honor women who have broken social barriers.”

Using techniques related to found art, Mesa-Bains has incorporated “dried leaves, rocks, pre-Columbian ceramic fragments” and other unusual materials to construct artworks, such as her 1987 work Grotto of the Virgins, which is dedicated to painter Frida Kahlo (1907–1954), actor Dolores del Rio (1905–1983), and to the artist’s grandmother.

M20-419
Vanderbilt University Alumni/ae and Friends Reception
Sunday, 9:00 pm–10:30 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 6

M20-420
Brite Divinity School Reception
Sunday, 9:00 pm–10:30 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 5

M20-421
Brown University Reception
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI-Plaza Ballroom A

M20-422
Concordia Seminary Reception
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI-Golden Gate 1

M20-423
Drew University Gathering
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 1

M20-424
Duke University Reception
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
HI-Imperial Ballroom B

M20-425
Emory University Reception
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
PW-Cyril Magnin
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#### M20-427
**Nordic Universities Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
HI-Franciscan A-B  
Welcome to the Nordic Universities Reception! Representatives from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden will be presenting information about their latest research and educational possibilities at their respective universities and colleges.

#### M20-428
**Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
HI-Powell

#### M20-429
**Scottish Universities’ Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
HI-Franciscan C-D  
Colleagues at the sponsoring Scottish Universities (Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, Highland Theological College, and International Christian College) warmly invite their alumni/ae and friends, and prospective students as well, to this reception. Academic staff will be present, with news and information about the participating universities.

#### M20-430
**Union Theological Seminary Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
HI-Imperial Ballroom A

#### M20-431
**University of California, Santa Barbara Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
HI-Cityscape

#### M20-432
**University of Chicago Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
IC-Pacific Terrace

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#### M20-437
**Center For Process Studies Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
IC-Sutter  
Join us for wine, cheese, and conversation. Friends and members of CPS and anyone interested in process-relational approaches to religious studies, theology, biblical hermeneutics, and philosophy of religion are invited. Greet CLU Provost and CST Dean Philip Clayton, network, discuss, and schmooze. Informal, fun!

#### M20-438
**Columbia University Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
MM-Golden Gate C3

#### M20-442
**Johns Hopkins University Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
HI-Continental Ballroom 3

#### M20-433
**Boston University Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:30 pm  
HI-Continental Ballroom 8

#### M20-434
**Florida State University Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–12:00 am  
HI-Yosemite A

#### M20-446
**Templeton Foundation Reception**
Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
MM-Golden Gate C1
M20-445
There is a Mystery Planning Meeting
Sunday, 9:30 pm–11:00 pm
PW–Ashbury
The editors of the volume tentatively entitled “There is a Mystery”: Eatericism, Gnosticism, and Mysticism in African American Religious Experience invite authors attending the Annual Meetings of the AAR and SBL to gather for a discussion of the scope and timetable for the project. For additional information, please contact any member of the editorial team: Dr. Stephen C. Finley (sfinley@lsu.edu), Dr. Margarita S. Guillory (mils2@rice.edu), or Dr. Hugh R. Page, Jr. (hpage@nd.edu).

M21-3
Restoration Quarterly Breakfast
Monday, 7:00 am–8:30 am
HI–Golden Gate 2

M21-6
Dead Sea Discoveries Journal Board Meeting
Monday, 7:30 am–9:00 am
HI–Continental Ballroom 7

M21-7
Coexist Foundation Scholars Breakfast II
Monday, 7:30 am–9:00 am
PW–Ashbury
By Invitation Only

M21-4
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Fellowship Breakfast
Monday, 7:30 am–9:30 am
HI–Mason

M21-8
University of Chicago Divinity School Coffee with the Dean for Prospective Students
Monday, 8:00 am–9:00 am
PW–Powell I

M21-1
Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force Meeting
Monday, 7:00 am–8:30 am
MM–Pacific D

M21-2
Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfast
Monday, 7:15 am–8:45 am
MM–Golden Gate C1-C2
Program Unit Chairs are invited to a continental breakfast featuring information on upcoming program initiatives.

M21-1
Friends of Regent College Breakfast
Monday, 7:00 am–8:30 am
HI–Continental Ballroom 8

M21-2
Fuller Seminary Alumni and Friends Breakfast
Monday, 7:00 am–8:30 am
HI–Continental Ballroom 6
Fuller Seminary Alumni and Friends Breakfast will feature Fuller’s President and Professor of Christian Philosophy, Richard J. Mouw. For more information contact Fuller Theological Seminary, Office of Alumni and Church Relations by calling 626-584-5498 or by email alumni@fuller.edu.

M21-3
Vedanta Society of Northern California Tour
Monday, 8:00 am–11:00 am
Offsite–Meet at CC-Howard Street Exit
Sponsored by the North American Hinduism Consultation
The Vedanta Society of Northern California was founded in 1900 by Swami Vivekananda. It is spiritually affiliated with the Ramakrishna Order, which today is considered to be one of the foremost important religious institutions in India. The New Temple, located at the corner of Fillmore and Vallejo Streets in San Francisco, is the Society’s headquarters. Dedicated in 1959, the New Temple houses a variety of activities. The Altar of the New Temple has been designed to represent, as fully as possible, the Vedantic concept of God. On the upper part is the Sanskrit word OM, which is looked upon as the word symbol of Divinity in all its aspects. Beneath OM are enshrined Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, and Sri Ramakrishna. Also enshrined on the altar are Sri Sarada Devi, Ramakrishna’s first disciple, and Swami Vivekananda, Sri Ramakrishna’s foremost apostle.
Monday, 7:00 am–8:30 am

M21-5

Alpha Christianity
Monday, 8:00 am–9:00 am
MM-Sierra F
Theme: The Earliest Jesus Tradition and Christian Experience
An open planning meeting, moderated by Paul Elbert.
Several extant documents (the Epistle of James, the Didache, Luke’s Sermon on the Plain, the Philippians 2 hymn) attest, and others (Paul in Romans, Hebrews, Jude, 1 John) oppose, a form of Christianity here called Alpha; which is not based on the Resurrection, but seemingly on the early teachings of Jesus in Galilee.
This open meeting offers an opportunity to assess the research potential of considering these documents together, along with the contemporary movement of John the Baptist, and the later Ebionites.
For background information, see [www.umass.edu/wsp/biblica/alpha/index.html](http://www.umass.edu/wsp/biblica/alpha/index.html) or contact ebbrook@research.umass.edu.

Monday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A21-101

Buddhism Section
CC-2001
Benjamin Bogin, Georgetown University, Presiding
Theme: India in the Asian Buddhist Imagination
Regan Murphy-Kao, University of California, Berkeley
India: A Vexed Signifier in the Early Modern Japanese Buddhist Imagination
Stuart Young, Bucknell University
Conceiving the Indian Patriarchs in China: Buddhist Sainthood across the Sino-Indian Divide
Nancy Lin, Dartmouth College
Ocean in a Vase: Condensing Canonical Birth-stories in Seventeenth Century Tibet
Michael R. Sheehy, New School and the Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center
A Buddhist Hermeneutic of Time: Tibetan Recalculations of the Buddhist Councils and Zhentong Literary History in India
Responding: Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University

A21-102

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
CC-3003
Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding
Theme: Comparative Grammars of Ineffability
Panelists:
- Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego
- Yaroslav Komarovski, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- Jerome Gellman, Ben-Gurion University, Negev
- Matthew Hotham, University of North Carolina
- Leah Kalmanson, Drake University
Responding: Matthew Bagger, Auburn University
Business Meeting:
- Kimberley Patton, Harvard University, and Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

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A 21-103

Ethics Section and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
MM-Yerba Buena 1
Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding
Panelists:
  Katie G. Cannon, Union Presbyterian Seminary
  Emilie M. Townes, Yale University
  Karen Baker-Fletcher, Southern Methodist University
  M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
  Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College
  Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College
  Marcia Y. Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary

A 21-104

History of Christianity Section
CC-3007
Matthew A. Sutton, Washington State University, Presiding
Theme: State of the Field: Fundamentalism
Panelists:
  David Harrington Watt, Temple University
  Randall Stephens, Eastern Nazarene College
  Mary Beth Mathews, University of Mary Washington
  Tona Hangen, Worcester State University

A 21-106

Religion and Politics Section
CC-2009
Hamid Mavani, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Theme: Anti-Islamic Populism in the United States
Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University and Purdue University
The Perils of Public Scholarship on Islam after 9/11
Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary
McCarthyism in the Age of Twitter: Islamophobia, Politics, and the Role of New Media
Ken Estey, Brooklyn College
Islam and State in Brooklyn, New York: The Vortex on Voorhies Avenue
Devin Kuhn, California Polytechnic State University
Doing the “Sharia Creep”: Obscuring Religious Rule, Gender Oppression, and Violence in Anti-Islamic Populism

A 21-107

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
CC-2024
D. Michael Lindsay, Rice University, Presiding
Theme: Responses to Robert D. Putnam’s and David E. Campbell’s American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us (Simon and Schuster, 2010)
Panelists:
  Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
  Michael Hout, University of California, Berkeley
  Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
Responding:
  Robert Putnam, Harvard University
  David Campbell, University of Notre Dame

A 21-108

Study of Islam Section and Islamic Mysticism Group
CC-2002
Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding
Theme: Sufism after the “Linguistic Turn”
Panelists:
  Vincent Cornell, Emory University
  Scott A. Kugle, Emory University
  Rkia Cornell, Emory University
  Amanullah De Sondy, University of Miami
  Sa’diyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
Responding:
  Dale B. Martin, Yale University

A 21-109

Study of Judaism Section
MM-Yerba Buena 10
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University, Presiding
Theme: American Judaisms
Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University
From Exclusivity to Partnership: Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Legacy of Liberal Judaism
Rachel Gordan, Harvard University
The Judeo-Christian Tradition In the Post-World War II Years: A Spur to Jewish Distinctiveness
Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina
What’s in a City?: San Francisco as a Hub of New Jewish Religious Movements
Kristen Tobey, University of Pittsburgh
An Identity Project in Flux: Rhetorical Negotiation of Gentile Involvement in the Nineteenth Century Jewish Agrarian Movement

Location Key:
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A21-110

Anthropology of Religion Group
IC-Grand Ballroom B
Margarita M. W. Suarez, Meredith College, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Social Change
  Zeynep Akbulut Kuru, University of Washington
  The Headscarf Ban and Women’s Production of New Islamic Discourses
  Richard Fox, Harvard University
  All the Better to Govern You: Domestic Rites, Capitalism, and the Changing Family in a Southern Balinese Community
  Rebekka King, University of Toronto
  The Cyber-social Sanctuary: The Performance of the Christian Subject Online and In Church
Responding:
  Gerardo Marti, Davidson College
Business Meeting:
  Margarita M. W. Suarez, Meredith College, Presiding

A21-111

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
IC-Nob Hill
Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: Bible and Colonization in the Mediterranean
Panelists:
  Adriana Destro, University of Bologna
  Safwat Marzouk, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
  Marinos Pourgouris, University of Cyprus
  Yael Munk, Open University of Israel
  Michel Andreaos, Catholic Theological Union

A21-112

Bioethics and Religion Group
MM-Yerba Buena 13
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, Presiding
Theme: Reproductive Justice: Crossing Borders, Crossing Bodies
Panelists:
  Charlene Galarneau, Wellesley College
  Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University
  Aline Kalbian, Florida State University
  Suzanne Holland, University of Puget Sound

A21-113

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
PW-Mission II-III
Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Groningen, Presiding
Theme: The Frankfurt School and the Study of Religion
  Drew Thomases, Columbia University
  “Same, Same, but Different”: The Mimetic Faculty and Similarity in Paibkar, India
  Klaus Yoder, Harvard University
  Ritualization in the Age of Technical Reproducibility
  Jeremy Fackenthal, Claremont Graduate University
  Through the Obliquely Angled Camera: Adorno and Benjamin’s Inverse Theology as a Materialist Approach to Religion
  Bryan Wagoner, Harvard University
  Rethinking Religion in the Frankfurt School
  Christopher C. Brittain, University of Aberdeen
  The “Return of Religion” in the Thought of Jürgen Habermas: Back to Horkheimer and Adorno
Responding:
  Jay Geller, Vanderbilt University

A21-114

Ecclesiological Investigations Group and Wesleyan Studies Group
CC-2005
Peter De Mey, Catholic University, Leuven, Presiding
Theme: What is Distinctive about Methodist Ecclesiology?
  Robert Martin, Saint Paul School of Theology
  Toward a Wesleyan Sacramental Ecclesiology
  Miriam Haar, Yale University and Trinity College, Dublin
  Ecumenical Dialogue on Apostolicity with Churches of the Wesleyan Traditions: A Promising Chaos?
  Justus Hunter, University of Dayton
  Toward a Methodist Communion Ecclesiology
Responding:
  Kenneth B. Wilson, Canterbury Christ Church University and Chichester University
  Russell E. Richey, Emory University

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Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Group

CC–3016

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

Theme: Holy Spirit, Power, and Feminist Subjectivity in Pentecostalism

Janice Rees, Charles Sturt University and Sydney College of Divinity

Subject to Spirit: The Promise of Pentecostal Feminist Pneumatology and Its Witness to Systematics

Saunia Powell, Graduate Theological Union

Pentecostal Articulations of Feminist Theory

Lisa Stephenson, Lee University

An Emerging Pentecostal–Feminist Theological Anthropology: North America and Beyond

Pamela Holmes, Queen’s School of Religion

Towards Usable Categories of “Women’s Experiences” and “Power”: A Canadian Pentecostal Feminist Considers the Work of Margaret Kamitsuka and Kwok Pui Lan

Responding:

Yolanda Pierce, Princeton University

A21-116

Gay Men and Religion Group and Lesbian–Feminist Issues and Religion Group

CC–3000

Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding

Theme: Queer Eclipses: The Future of Gendered Sexual Identities in the Study of Religion

Thelathia Young, Emory University; Sara Rosenau, Drew University; and Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology

Intersectional Bodies: Disrupting Queerness in Religious Discourse

John Howell, University of Chicago

Stonewalled: Orthodoxy, Heresy, and Rhetorical Violence in the Gay Generation Gap

E. L. Kornegay, Chicago Theological Seminary

Baldwin on Hop: Towards a Heteroanomalous Queer Calculus

Responding:

Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual

Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School

A21-117

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group and Roman Catholic Studies Group

IC–Union Square

Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: The Doctrine of Christian Discovery and Conversations with the Vatican

Panelists:

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University

Steve Newcomb, Indigenous Law Institute

Chris Peters, Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development

Theresa Reeder, Syracuse University

A21-118

Korean Religions Group

CC–2020

A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo, Presiding

Theme: Adaptation of Christianity to the Korean Context

Debernierre Torrey, University of Utah

From Syncretism to Separation: The Changing Emphasis in Early Korean Catholic Literature

Lee–Ellen Strawn, Seoul Foreign School

Sharing the Anbang: Korean Bible Women and North American Women Missionaries, 1888–1930

Hee An Choi, Boston University

Korean Women and the Ambiguous Legacy of the Indigenization of Korean Protestantism

Heup Young Kim, Kang Nam University

Confucianism as Old Testaments: Confucian–Christian Relations in the Thought of Dasuk Yu Yong-mo

Kee Boem So, New York Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Mystical Union with God: A Dialogue between Yu Yong-mo and Jacques Derrida

Responding:

Seo Bomyung, Chicago Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Jin Y. Park, American University, and Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School, Presiding
Monday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A21-119

**Mysticism Group**

CC-2006

Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: **Combining the Inner and Outer Worlds: Women's Uses of Tibetan Buddhist Mystical Practice for Dealing with Trauma**

Karma Lekshë Tsomo, University of San Diego

*Knowing the Unknowable: Mystical Experience from a Tibetan Buddhist Perspective*

Ruth Gamble, Australian National University

*Healing Trauma's Faultlines: Gendered Approaches to the Use of Mysticism in Preparing for Natural Disasters*

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama

*Violent Visions of Enlightenment: Experiences of Wartime, Violent Trauma, and Mystical Healing in Tibetan Buddhist Women's Literature*

Business Meeting:

Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose, Presiding

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A21-120

**New Religious Movements Group**

IC-Grand Ballroom C

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding

Theme: **Religious Appropriation of Secular Culture**

Darryl Victor Caterine, Le Moyne College

*Haunted Ground: Nature's Nation from the American Metaphysical Perspective*

Ann Duncan, Goucher College

*Summer Camp and New Paradigms of Sacred Space in New Religious Movements*

Bryan Barkley, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and C.A. Burris, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

*From HippieCrisis an Jesus Freaks to the Twelve Tribes: The Integration and Reinterpretation of Vietnam Era Pop-culture into a Fundamentalist Communitarian Movement's Ideology*

Shannon Harvey, University of North Carolina

*“Eat Your Way Back to the Godhead”: Reducing Karma and Calorie-intake Using International Society for Krishna Consciousness Cookbooks*

Martha Smith Roberts, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Hula Spiritualities: The Hula-Hoop and Embodied Spiritual Practice*

Business Meeting:

Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

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A21-121

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**

MM-Willow

Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Theme: **Plotinus and Islamic Platonism**

John Bussanich, University of New Mexico

*Plotinus on Karma and Rebirth*

Shatha Almutawa, University of Chicago

*Religiophilosophical Narratives: Plato in Rasa’il Ikhrwan Al-Safa*

Samir Mahmoud, University of Cambridge

*The Problem of the One and the Many: Ibn Arabi’s Divine Names and Proclus’s Henads*

Martyn Smith, Lawrence University

*Ibn Khaldun and Neoplatonic Views of the Soul*

Business Meeting:

Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge

John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

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A21-122

**Religion and Popular Culture Group and Childhood Studies and Religion Group**

MM-Nob Hill A

Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: **Children and Popular Culture: Interreligious Perspectives**

Karen Derris, University of Redlands

*Bedtime Story Buddhists: English Language Picturebooks and the Formation of Children’s Buddhist Worldviews*

Samira Mehta, Emory University

*Seeking and Dwelling in Judy Blume’s Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret (1970)*

Maureen Walsh, Georgetown University

*Material Witnesses: Manifesting the Unborn in the American Pro-life and Pregnancy Loss Support Movements*

Todd Brenneman, University of Central Florida

*“You are Special”: Constructing Sentimental Children in Evangelical Popular Culture*

Responding:

Vanessa Rebecca Sasson, Marianopolis College and McGill University

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Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Religion and Migration Group
CC-2007
Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: "Papers? We Don’t Need No Stinkin’ Papers!": Religious Activism in the Dark Age of Arizona’s New Immigration Enforcement Regime
Panelists:
Leah Sarat, Arizona State University
Norma A. Price, Samaritans, Tuscon
Ilsup Ahn, North Park University
Responding:
John Fife, Southside Presbyterian Church, Tucson
Business Meeting:
Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco, and Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

A21-124
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
MM-Nob Hill B
Stefanie Knauss, Centro per le Scienze Religiose, Trento, Presiding
Theme: Beyond Words: Diverse Modes of Film Analysis
Gerard Loughlin, Durham University
Staying Put: Of Men and Their Gods
Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary
Film Music as “Echo”: Religious Motifs in the Music of There Will Be Blood
Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University
Sight Unseen: Seeing the Abject (Body) in The Syrian Bride
Spencer Dew, Iowa State University
“It has Fallen Upon You to Finish What Began at Auschwitz”: The Unborn, Holocaust Fictionalization, and the Responsibilities of Jewish Memory
Min-Ah Cho, Saint Catherine University
Poetics of the Body of Christ: Rethinking the Sacramental Nature of Writing in Light of Edward Schillebeeckx’s Sacramental Theology and Lee Chang-dong’s Film Poetry

A21-125
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
MM-Yerba Buena 15
Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
Theme: Women, Gender, and Peacebuilding
Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University
Pacifism, Responsibility, and Feminist Peacebuilding
Ann Hardison-Moody, Emory University
Beyond “Talk, Talk, Talk”: Liberian Women’s Everyday Practices of Peace
K. Christine Pae, Denison University
Transnational Feminist Theoretical Reflection on Peacemaking: When Military Prostitution Matters
Audrey J. Krumbach, Reconciling Ministries Network
Believing Out Loud: Queer Narratives Transforming the United Methodist Church
Business Meeting:
Megan Shore, University of Western Ontario, and Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

A21-126
Scriptural Reasoning Group
CC-3010
Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University, Presiding
Theme: Scriptural Reasoning, Evangelicalism, and Evangelical Theologies
Simeon Zahl, University of Cambridge
The Pneumatology of Interfaith Text Study: A Johannine Perspective
Tom Greggs, University of Chester
Peoples of the Covenants: Evangelical Theology and the Plurality of the Covenants in Scripture
Valerie C. Cooper, University of Virginia
Between Revolution and Revelation: The Meaning of Scripture for African Americans
Mahan Mirza, Zaytuna College
Evangelicals Doing Islamic Theology: A New Trend in American Christianity
Business Meeting:
Rumee Ahmed, University of British Columbia, Presiding

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A21-127

Christian Zionism in Comparative Perspective Seminar
IC-Cathedral Hill
Robert O. Smith, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presiding
Theme: Christian Zionism, the Holy Land, and Identity Formation
Elizabeth Phillips, Westcott House
Saying “Peace” When There is No Peace: An American Christian Zionism Congregation on Peace, Militarism, and Settlements
Sean Durbin, Macquarie University
I Am an Israeli: Christian Zionism as American Redemption
Mae Cannon, University of California, Davis
Mischief-making in Palestine: American Protestant Perspectives about Israel and Palestine (1917–Today)
Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska, Omaha, and University of the Holy Land, Jerusalem
Aron Engberg, Lund University

Responding:
Goran Gunner, Church of Sweden Research Unit
Business Meeting:
Robert O. Smith, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presiding

A21-129

Body and Religion Group
MM-Yerba Buena 7
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding
Theme: Somatospiritual Development: Matter, Symbol, Transformation
Christine Demian-Boulos, University of South Florida
Constituting the Body and Gender in the Purusasukta and The Law Code of Manu
Dan Mathewson, Wofford College
Muscular, Mean, and Sometimes Moral: Professional Wrestling and the Embodiment of Cultural–Ethical Tensions
Rhiannon Graybill, University of California, Berkeley
The Body as Medium: Moses and the Materiality of Prophecy
Edward Drott, University of Missouri
Buddhist Perspectives on the Aged Body in Japan
Carl Hughes, Emory University

“Touching” the “Glorified” Body, with Jean-Luc Nancy

Responding:
Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University
Business Meeting:
Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University, and Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding

A21-130

Cognitive Science of Religion Group
CC-2004
Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, Presiding
Theme: Cognitive Perspectives on Religious History and Comparative Religion
Jared Lindahl, Indiana University–Purdue University, Fort Wayne
Grounding the Comparative Study of Contemplative Paths in Experimental Cognitive Science
Travis Chikcott, Iowa State University
Using Comparative Methods for Investigating the Relationship between Religious Practices, Cognition, and Religious Experiences in Historical Contexts
Andrew Keitt, University of Alabama, Birmingham
Rethinking with Demons: Toward a Cognitive Approach to the Study of European Demonology

Business Meeting:
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

A21-131

Contemplative Studies Group
MM-Pacific H
Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding
Theme: Contemplative Studies from a Participatory Perspective: Embodiment, Relatedness, and Creativity in Contemplative Inquiry
Panelists:
Samuel Malkemus, California Institute of Integral Studies
Anne C. Klein, Rice University
Beverly Lanzetta, University of New Mexico
Jorge Ferrer, California Institute of Integral Studies
Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies

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Death, Dying, and Beyond Group and Mormon Studies Group
MM-Yerba Buena 4
Lucy Bregman, Temple University, Presiding
Theme: Death and Beyond in Mormon Tradition
Airen Hall, Syracuse University
“When You’re Here, We’re Here”: Encounters between the Living and the Dead at Latter-day Saint Pilgrimage Sites
John-Charles Duffy, University of North Carolina
The Cultural Logic of LDS Death-ritualization: Puzzles and Possibilities
Samuel Brown, University of Utah
Joseph Smith, Polygamy, and the Problem of the Levirate Widow
Sheila Taylor, Graduate Theological Union
Not the End of the Story: Theological Reflections on the Mormon Afterlife
Responding:
Alyson Prude, University of California, Santa Barbara

A21-133

Liberal Theologies Group
IC-Sutter
Ellen Umansky, Fairfield University, Presiding
Theme: Post-Post-Liberalism: Constructive Proposals for Revitalizing Liberal Theologies and Liberal Institutions
Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School
Pragmatic Liberalationist Public Theology
Shelli Poe, University of Virginia
Friedrich Schleiermacher and the United Church of Christ: Reformed, Liberal, Public
William Myatt, Loyola University, Chicago
The (Non)existence of Religious Rationality: David Tracy, “The Fragment”, and Liberal Theological Discourse
Joshua Daniel, University of Chicago
Posture and Discourse: The Perfectionism of Liberalism in H. Richard Niebuhr
Responding:
Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion
Business Meeting:
Krista Duttenhaver, University of Notre Dame, and Daniel McKanan, Harvard University, Presiding

A21-134

Religion in Europe Group
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom A
Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Transcultural Perspectives on Religious Pluralism and Identity in Contemporary Europe
Franz Winter, University of Vienna
New Religious Movements and the Limits of Religious Toleration: A Case Study in Two European Countries
Elisabeth Gerle, Church of Sweden and Uppsala University
Navigating between Neo-Nationalists and Neo-Atheists in Europe: A Challenge for the Future (Instrumentalization of Religion)
Kenneth B. E. Roxburgh, Samford University
Growth amidst Decline: Edinburgh’s Churches and Scottish Culture, 1980–2010
Antonia Atanassova, Boston College
Faith for Hire: Introducing Religious Education in Post-Soviet Eastern Europe
Business Meeting:
Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, and Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding

A21-135

Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Group and the Howard Thurman Papers Project
MM-Yerba Buena 6
Walter Earl Fluker, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: “What We May Learn From India”: Howard and Sue Thurman, Martin Luther King Jr., and African American Civil Rights, 1936–1966
Quinton H. Dixie, Indiana University-Purdue University
Visions of a Better World: Gandhian Ashrams and the Interracial Church Movement in the Interwar Period
Kai Jackson-Issa, Morehouse College
A Woman’s Work is in the World: Sue Bailey Thurman and the Intercultural Workshop at the Church of the Fellowship of all Peoples
Peter Eisenstadt, Morehouse College
Blueprint for a Revolution: Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesus and the Disinherited
Responding:
Barbara D. Savage, University of Pennsylvania

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Edible Cityscapes — Religion, Justice, and Sustainable Food Culture Tour

Monday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Offsite—Meet at CC–Howard Street Exit

Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force

This bus tour features leaders and community organizations working to bring fresh food to urban food deserts, to address global hunger and ecological degradation, and to educate children about gardening, cooking, and health. During site visits in Oakland and Berkeley, we will learn how committed community activists nourish a progressive, sustainable food culture in the East Bay Area, as well as contribute to international NGOs dealing with food security. The tour will include talks from and visits with local religious and secular leaders within these movements, who will share the specific religious and/or spiritual values and ethics that drive their sustainable food and policy activism.

Itinerary:

9:00 am–9:25 am
Drive from San Francisco to Oakland. Presentation from Renna Khuner-Haber, Bay Area Programs Associate of Hazon

9:30 am–10:15 am
Meet with Marilyn Borchardt, Development Director of Food First

10:30 am–11:15 am
Meet with Nikki Henderson, Executive Director of People’s Grocery

11:30 am–12:30 pm
Meet with HuNia Bradley, Program Manager for Farm Fresh Choice, a program of the Ecology Center, and Wendy Johnson, Zen Buddhist teacher and master gardener involved with the College of Marin, Green Gulch Farm, and the Edible Schoolyard

12:30 pm–1:00 pm
Return to San Francisco to be dropped off at the Moscone Center or at the San Francisco Ferry Building for a sustainable lunch

*Participants who elect to have lunch will be responsible for their own transportation after lunch.

Society for Hindu Christian Studies

HI—Golden Gate 1

Theme: Yoga and Christianity

Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne and University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Andrea R. Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University

Yogaphobia and Yoga Ownership: The Shared Fundamentalism of Christian and Hindu Criticisms of the Global Popularization of Yoga

Mark Singleton, St. John’s College

Christian Influences in the Development of Modern Yoga

T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University

Ishvara as Seen by Vijnanabhiksu

Gerald J. Larson, Indiana University

Yoga’s Atheistic-Theism: An Interesting Contrast to the Triune God of Christianity

Harold Coward, University of Victoria

Christian Mysticism and Patanjali’s Yoga Sutras I:41–51

Responding:

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University

Business meeting to follow.

Student Lounge Roundtable

Monday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

MM–Pacific C

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Amy Tiilikainen, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Theme: Creating Syllabi Your Students Will (Really!) Use

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

A well-crafted syllabus can save a teacher time, increase student engagement, and decrease frustration for all, but how can you be sure your students will actually use your syllabus? At this roundtable discussion, you will learn how to transform your syllabus into a resource packet that helps students succeed in your course. Participants will view several syllabi and discuss the pros and cons of each design, and are encouraged to bring syllabi of their own to share.

Open Door Productions

Monday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

PW–Powell II

Theme: Did Jehovah’s Witnesses Really Save Gay Marriage?

Documentary film screening, brown bag lunch and discussion (60 min. film, 30 min. Q&A with director)

See the award-winning PBS documentary Knocking.

Winner: Best Documentary USA Film Festival

“Riveting and illuminating. Utterly surprising and moving.”
— Anderson Cooper, CNN

At first glance, Knocking is about Jehovah’s Witnesses, the door-to-door proselytizers we like to hide from. But there’s a bigger story as the film asks whether they are a necessary annoyance in a free society. When a federal judge overturned California’s ban on gay marriage, the key legal precedent he used was a case involving Jehovah’s Witnesses. They’ve won a record 50 U.S. Supreme Court cases that helped define our constitutional rights.
Knocking follows two families who wrestle with the contradictions of a controversial faith. How can moral conservatives expand freedom for others while restricting it for congregants? Why does a religion that refuses blood transfusions embrace the medical science of “bloodless” surgery? Should a group that objects to war fight for Hitler or choose the concentration camps? These unlikely and untold stories intersect in Knocking and draw striking parallels to the issues we face today.

M21-103

Society for Comparative Theology
Monday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 2
This will be the second annual meeting of the Society for Comparative Theology. In addition to Sessional work, the Society will host presentations from scholars in Cohort One and Cohort Two of the AAR/Luce Summer Seminars in Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology. Topics will include comparative theological discussions of theologies of immigration and comparative theological approaches to apophasis. For more information, contact Loyer Ashton at lashton@tougaloo.edu.

M21-104

Journal for the Study of Judaism and its Supplements Board Meeting
Monday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
MM-Pacific G

M21-105

Intercultural Interaction and Theologizing in Paul
Monday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 3
Scholars interested in this developing area of interdisciplinary research are invited to participate in a consultation meeting and to share ideas to explore options for collaborative research projects and networks. For further information please contact Kathy Ehrensperger, University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, UK at k.ehrensperger@tsd.ac.uk.

M21-106

Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses Editorial Board Meeting
Monday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 7

A21-137

Plenary Panel
Monday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
MM-Yerba Buena 9
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: Lifetime of Learning


Panelists:
Katie Geneva Cannon, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

A21-138

Program Committee Meeting
Monday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
MM-AAR Suite

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Employment Services Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm
MM-Sierra D

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<td>Ben Sanders, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver, and Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding</td>
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<td>In light of the economy’s impact on employment opportunities in religious studies, the Graduate Student Committee is dedicating this year’s Special Topics Forum to “Retooling for a New Job Market.” This event will consist of two parts. The first will feature a panel of recently hired professors, professors who have been active on search committees, and a representative from the nontraditional (i.e., nonprofessorial) job market.</td>
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<td>The second part of this event will be a forum in which attendants will have the opportunity to engage in smaller, separate, roundtable conversations with the panelists. Each panelist will lead a conversation aimed at addressing particular issues, such as how to prepare for the on-campus interview, how to creatively present and market yourself, how to determine which type of teaching position is best for you, and how to negotiate once a job is offered. Please join us for what promises to be an important and informative time!</td>
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<td>While globalisation is inexorably bringing the world closer together, the role of religion in shaping and informing a multitude of globalisation processes is becoming increasingly complex. The Tony Blair Faith Foundation’s “Faith and Globalization Initiative,” a partnership between Yale, McGill, Durham University, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Peking University, University of Western Australia, National University of Singapore, and University of Sierra Leone – Fourah Bay College, is committed to exploring a wide array of issues relating to this intersection through collaborative teaching, research and public events.</td>
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<td>As the winds of political change are channeled through fiber-optic cables and wireless internet waves across North Africa and the Middle East, we are reminded once again of the remarkable paradigm shift ushered in by the internet.</td>
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<td>This shift has impacted nearly every area of contemporary life, and religion is no exception.</td>
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<td>A follow-up to a conference hosted by Durham University and the Tony Blair Faith Foundation called “Faith 2.0: Religion and the Internet,” this Theme will explore two of today’s most pressing questions: How has religion been impacted by information technology? How has the public sphere in turn been influenced by this interaction?</td>
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<td>Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University, Presiding</td>
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<td>Theme: What’s Wrong with Hindu Theology?</td>
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<td>Within the study of religion, specifically the comparative and history of religions disciplines, scholars have increasingly observed theological activity occurring in traditions other than those of Christianity and the Abrahamic faiths—perhaps primarily those of the Hindu Tradition. Since the earlier part of the last century, the word “theology” has been applied to traditions outside Christianity by Christian thinkers themselves.</td>
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- AAR Award Winners
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- Focus on Empire and Religion
- Professional Practices and Institutional Location Sessions
- Receptions and Breakfasts
- Sustainability and Religion
- Tours
- Wildcard Sessions
As the theologies of other traditions are examined within the AAR, here too we seek to begin a critical/constructive exploration of the structures and content of Hindu Theology. This panel seeks to examine how the term theology has been applied by scholars and practitioners; how it should and should not be applied, and the value to the field of Religious Studies and Comparative Theology of studying and understanding Hindu theology. This value lies in the new perspectives unlocked by Hindu theology with its very different theological approaches and categories.

Rita Sherma, University of Arizona  
*Does Hindu Theology Belong in the Religion Academy?*

Gerald J. Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Indiana University  
*Yoga’s Atheistic–Theism: A Unique Answer to the Neverending Problem of God in Comparative Theology*

Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University  
*Ritual Theologies of Hospitality: Possibilities for Collaboration in a Hindu Key*

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University  
*What’s Right about “Hindu Theology”?

### A21-203

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**  
**IC–Nob Hill**  
Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee, Presiding  
**Theme:** *Explorations of the Religious in Contemporary Art*  

- Ronald Bernier, Wentworth Institute of Technology  
  *Screening God: Video, Viola, and the Theological Sublime*

- Leonora Onarheim, University of Oslo  
  *Sites of Memory and Transcendence: Reflections on the Sculptures of Ruins by Anselm Kiefer*

- Emily S. Clark, Florida State University  
  *New World, New Jerusalem, New Orleans: The Apocalyptic Art of Sister Gertrude Morgan*

- Brett Potter, Toronto School of Theology  
  *Mystical Embrace: Barnett Newman, Primal Desire, and Apophasis*

### A21-204

**Buddhism Section**  
**MM–Yerba Buena 1**  
Charles D. Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding  
**Theme:** *On the Margins of Buddhism in China*  

- Frederick Shih-Chung Chen, University of Oxford  
  *Buddhist Passports to the Other World: A New Study on How Buddhists Appropriated the Concept of Bureaucratization in the Funeral Practice in Early Medieval Turfan*

- Warner Belanger, Georgia College and State University  
  *State-Protection Buddhism in Khotan and Indic Mahāyāna Textual Practices in Central Asia in the Eighth–Tenth Centuries CE*

- Peter Faggen, Indiana University  
  *Recentering the Sino-Tibetan Frontier: Power, Authority, and Conflict in the Gung ru Meka’ ’ gro ma female lineage near Bla brang*

- Wu Hongyu, University of Pittsburgh  
  *Sincerity, Morality, and Miracles in the Biographies of Good Women*

Responding:  
Luis O. Gomez, El Colegio de México and University of Michigan
A21-205

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

MM-Sierra J

David Thomas, University of Birmingham, Presiding

Theme: Other Peoples’ Scriptures: The Use of Sacred Texts across Religious Boundaries

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of North Carolina
The Sufi Teachings of Krishna: ‘Abd al-Rahman Chishti’s Interpretive Translation of the Bhagavadgītā

Nathan Hofer, University of Missouri
Scriptural Substitution as Political Strategy in a “Jewish Soft” Text

Ryan Szpiech, University of Michigan
Of Scripture and of Script: Contextualizing the Hebrew Gospel Citations of Raymond Martini, O.P. (d. 1284)

Daniel Cheely, University of Pennsylvania
Whose Book is the Bible? Pasquier Quesnel’s Reflexions Morales sur le Nouveau Testament (1687) in French and English, Catholic and Protestant

Responding:
David Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma

A21-206

Ethics Section

IC-Intercontinental Ballroom C

Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: Beyond the Pale: Reading Christian Ethics from the Margins

Panelists:
Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University
Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside
Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

Responding:
Gary J. Dorrien, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, and Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A21-207

History of Christianity Section

MM-Pacific H

Virginia Burrus, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: The Invention of Early Church History in Nineteenth Century America: Elizabeth Clark’s Founding the Fathers: Early Church History and Protestant Professors in Nineteenth Century America (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011)

Panelists:
Derek Krueger, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Elm Susanna K., University of California, Berkeley
Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Leigh E. Schmidt, Harvard University

Responding:
Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University

Business Meeting:
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Graduate Theological Union, and Nathan Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding

A21-208

North American Religions Section

CC-2009

Aaron Hahn Tapper, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: Muslims and Jews in America: Commonalities, Contentions, and Complexities

Panelists:
Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco
Ebrahim Patel, Interfaith Youth Core
Michael Lerner, Beyt Tikkun Synagogue and Tikkun Magazine
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

Responding:
Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside

A21-209

Religion in South Asia Section

MM-Yerba Buena 7

Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University, Presiding

Theme: Law, Legislation, and Religious Formations in South Asian Nation-States

Benjamin Schonthal, University of Chicago
Religious Rights at the End of Empire: Debates on Law and Religion in Late Colonial Sri Lanka
Ginette Ishimatsu, University of Denver  
*The Judicialization of Hindu Temples in Tamil Nadu*

James Ponniah Kulanadai Raj, Jñāna Deepa Vidyapeeth  
*Dreaming India and Being Indian*

Kay K. Jordan, Radford University  
*Contemporary Sati Legislation: Changing the Hindu Ideal of Womanhood*

Responding:  
Robert Yelle, University of Memphis

### A21-210

#### Study of Judaism Section

**MM-Yerba Buena 10**  
Shaoul Magid, Indiana University, Presiding  
Theme: *Rethinking the Canon of Modern Jewish Thought*  
Elias Sacks, Princeton University  
*Authority in Mendelssohn’s Hebrew Works: Rethinking the Canon of Modern Jewish Thought*  
Samuel Brody, University of Chicago  
*God Against Messiah: Martin Buber’s Anarchistic Theopolitical Inversion of Carl Schmitt*  
Yonatan Brafman, Columbia University  
*Religious Modernism in a Post-Newtonian World: Science and Religious Experience in Muhammad Iqbal and Joseph Soloveitchik*  
Gershon Greenberg, American University  
*Rethinking the Modern Jewish Philosophical Canon: A Response*

### A21-211

#### Teaching Religion Section

**IC-Telegraph Hill**  
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding  
Theme: *Self, Other, and the Uses of Technology in the Religious Studies Classroom*  
Kate McCarthy, California State University, Chico, and Patricia M. Lennon, California State University, Chico  
*New Media, Real World Research, and Student Engagement: Mapping Religious Diversity in the North State*  
Sue Rodelius Dickson, Ashland University  
*Muslim-Christian Dialogue: Using Technology to Connect Students Internationally and Interreligiously*  
Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Alfred University  
*www.Genealogy.com, Google Earth, and Grandma: Old and New Resources for Teaching American Religious History*  
Business Meeting:  
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, and Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

### A21-212

#### Theology and Religious Reflection Section

**CC-3010**  
Susan Abraham, Harvard University, Presiding  
Theme: *Postcolonialism and Poststructuralism in the United States*  
Panelists:  
John C. Hawley, Santa Clara University  
Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University  
Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton University

### A21-213

#### Women and Religion Section

**CC-2001**  
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Theme: *Virtues, Diets, and Rituals: Women’s Interactions with Producing, Preparing, and Consuming Food*  
Elizabeth Lee, Graduate Theological Union  
*The “Real Housewives” of Sustainable Food Choices*  
Stephanie May, Harvard University  
*A Feminist Who Bakes?: A Theoethical Discussion of Women, Food, and Paradise*  
Elizabeth Perez, Dartmouth College  
*Deities’ Diets, Sexual Difference, and the Gendered Division of Ritual Labor in Afro-Cuban Lucumí*  
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University  
*Culinary Capital: Food Production and Consumption in a Catholic Women’s Development Cooperative*  
Responding:  
Lynne Westfield, Drew University

### A21-214

#### Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group

**MM-Yerba Buena 13**  
Sharon V. Betcher, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding  
Theme: *Review/Discussion of Richard Kearney’s Anatheism: Returning to God After God (Columbia University Press, 2009)*  
Panelists:  
Shelly Rambo, Boston University  
John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University  
Edward Phillip Antonio, Iliff School of Theology  
Tamsin Jones, Harvard University  
Responding:  
Richard Kearney, Boston College

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A21-215

Black Theology Group
CC-2020
Dianne Diakité, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Working the Spirits: Black Theology, the Holy Spirit, and Spirits in Dialogue
  Nixon Cleophat, Union Theological Seminary
  Spirit the Liberator: Toward a Pneumatocentric Soteriology for Black Theology
  Shonda Nicole Gladden, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
  Pneumatologically Speaking: Tongues, Dance, and Spirit Workings in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century African American Religious Experience
  Kurt Buhring, Saint Mary’s College
  The Spirit of Resistance: Dwight N. Hopkins’s Trinitarian Framework
  Ben Cowan, Fuller Theological Seminary
  The Role of the Spirit in the Life and Thought of William Seymour: Towards the Construction of a Black Christian Pneumatology in the Age of Globalization
  Clifton Clarke, Regent University
  Pan Africanism and Pentecostalism in Africa: Strange Bedfellows or Perfect Partners?

Business Meeting:
  Anthony G. Reddie, Queens Theological Foundation, Presiding

A21-216

Confucian Traditions Group
CC-2005
Robert C. Neville, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Confucian Shame in Ancient and Modern Perspective
  Ryan Nichols, California State University, Fullerton
  The Origins and Effects of Shame in Early Confucianism
  Geoffrey Redmond, Center for Health Research
  The Foreshadowing of the Confucian Ethical Concept of Chi (Shame) in the Zhouyi (Book of Changes) and Zuozhuan
  Mark Berksen, Hamline University
  A Confucian Perspective on Shame, Guilt, and the Self
  Nathaniel Barrett, Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion

Shame and the Confucian Community

Business Meeting:
  Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, Presiding

A21-217

Contemporary Islam Group and Liberal Theologies Group
IC-Sutter
Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding
Theme: Pious Publics/Critical Publics: Theologies of Self and State in Contemporary Islam
  Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside
  “One and Many”: Islam and Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Indonesia
  Jon Armajani, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University
  Mohammed Arkoun on Classic Islamic Reason and Applied Islamology: Analysis and Critique
  Syed Rizwan Zamir, University of Virginia
  Preaching Religious Reform and Reforming Religious Preaching: A Contemporary Shi’ite ‘Alim’s Appropriation of the Karbala Paradigm
  Kathleen Foody, University of North Carolina
  Just Rulers and Critical Publics: Religious Leadership and Dissent in the Islamic Republic of Iran
  Samaneh Oladi Ghadikolaei, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Islamic Activism in Iran

Responding:
  Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

A21-218

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group
MM-Nob Hill A
Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University, Presiding
Theme: Pagan Analysis and Critique of “Religion”
  Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity
  Definitions, Decisions, and Druids: Presenting Druidry as a Religion
  Christine Kraemer, Cherry Hill Seminary
  Perceptions of Scholarship in Contemporary Paganism
  Helen Berger, Brandeis University
  Fifteen Years of Continuity and Change within the American Pagan Community
  Caroline Tully, University of Melbourne
  Researching the Past is a Foreign Country: Cognitive Dissonance as a Response by Practitioner Pagans to Academic Research on the History of Pagan Religions

Business Meeting:
  Chas Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Presiding
A21-219

Daoist Studies Group
MM-Yerba Buena 15
Gil Raz, Dartmouth College, Presiding
Theme: Understanding Internal Alchemical (Neidan) Literature: Terminology, Pedagogy, and Rhetoric
Clarke Hudson, University of Virginia
Meaning Events in Inner-alchemical Writing
Sara Elaine Neswald, Mingchuan University
Why “Mind”? Exploring Concepts of “Mind” and “Reality” in Neidan
Stephen Eskildsen, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Wu Shouyang, Wu Zhenyang, and Liu Huayang: Their Interpretation and Criticism of Buddhism
Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College
Mountain and Map: A Graphic Example of Aesthetics in Alchemical Instruction
Responding:
Randall Nadeau, Trinity University

A21-220

Evangelical Theology Group and Religion and Sexuality Group
CC-2007
Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University, Presiding
Theme: Contemporary Evangelical Sexualities
Erin E. Dufault-Hunter, Fuller Theological Seminary
“Porn Again”: What Pornography Can Teach Christians about Good Sex
Sara Moslener, Augustana College
Saving Civilization: Sexual Purity and American Apocalypse
Emily Linthicum, University of California, Santa Barbara
AIDS and American Evangelicalism: Franklin Graham and the Reshaping of Evangelical Discourse on HIV/AIDS
Elizabeth Young Barstow, Harvard University
“You, Your Friend, and God”: Dating as a Means of Developing Spiritual Maturity for Evangelical Young Adults
Responding:
R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, Saint Louis

A21-221

Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group
IC-Cathedral Hill
Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher, Texas College, Presiding
Theme: Critical Theory and the Performance of Postmodern Masculinities
Jon Coutts, University of Aberdeen
Relative Grid: The Reshaping of Gender and Honour in Film
Bernard Chris Dorsey, University of Chicago
Deity and Deviance: The Dissonance of Black Male Sexuality
Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College
War, Moral Injury, and the Construction of Masculinity
Young Woon Ko, Lorain County Community College
Masculinity and Confucianism in East Asian Society
Responding:
Amanullah De Sondy, University of Miami
Business Meeting:
Robert A. Atkins, Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL, Presiding

A21-222

Native Traditions in the Americas Group
CC-2006
Natalie Avalos Cisneros, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: Resilience and Revitalization in Indigenous California
Cutcha Risling Baldy, University of California, Davis
Xoc-itch’iswhalte (They Will Beat Time with Sticks Over Her): The Hupa Flower Dance Ceremony and Elements of Spirituality in Song
Melissa Leal, University of California, Davis
Asumpa (To Flow): Native American Language and Cultural Revitalization through Hip-Hop
Dennis Kelley, University of Missouri
Religion, American Indians, and Ecocriticism: Conceptualizing Indigenous Spirituality through Environmental Activism
Responding:
Chris Peters, Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development
Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Business Meeting:
Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University, and Michael Zogry, University of Kansas, Presiding

A21-223

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
MM-Yerba Buena 6
Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding
Theme: Pragmatism, Sexism, and the Environment
Nathaniel Van Yperen, Princeton University
Pragmatic, Just, and Theological: Religious Reflection and Environmental Pragmatism
Ernest Rubinstein, Drew University
Does Sexism Meet its Match in the Paranormal?: Contrasting Evidence from William and Henry James
Sarah Fredericks, University of North Texas
Adaptable Ethical Ideals: Learning from Pragmatism
Business Meeting:
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding
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A21-225

Reformed Theology and History Group and Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group
CC-3008
Martha L. Moore-Keisha, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Transformative Feminist and Womanist Trajectories in the Traditions of John Calvin and Martin Luther
Panelists:
Mary J. Streufert, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Kristine A. Culp, University of Chicago
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
Beverly Wallace, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Kathryn Kleinhaus, Wartburg College
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary

A21-226

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
IC-Grand Ballroom C
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding
Theme: Burning through the Celluloid Ceiling: Women Directors Discuss Challenges and Spirituality in Filmmaking
Panelists:
Rosemary Rawcliffe, www.frameofmindfilms.com
Saraswati Clere, www.yogawoman.tv/home
Tiffany Shlain, www.tiffanyshlain.com/
Business Meeting:
John Lyden, Grand View University

A21-227

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
CC-2003
Gilya Gerda Schmidt, University of Tennessee, Presiding
Theme: Ethics and the Limits of Holocaust Representation
Mehnaz Afridi, Manhattan College
Shoaib through Muslim Eyes: Jewish and Islamic Intersections
Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia
Hannah Arendt and Sarah Kofman on the Ethics of Scholarly Representations of the Holocaust
Jill Petersen Adams, Syracuse University
Speaking the Unspeakable: Holocaust Witness and Testimony as Irreconcilable Mourning
Responding:
Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield
Business Meeting:
Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

A21-228

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
IC-Grand Ballroom B
Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Presiding
Panelists:
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University
Michael L. Spezio, Scripps College
Stephen Kaplan, Manhattan College
Francisca Cho, Georgetown University
Ahmed Ragab, Harvard University
James Haag, Suffolk University
Business Meeting:
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding

A21-229

Tantric Studies Group and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom A
Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: Ritual, Time, and Magic Wheels: Studies in Indian and Tibetan Tantra
Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University
Early Buddhist Tantras and the Smārta Quotidian Manuals
Lewis Doney, University of London
Buddhist Time and Tantra in Early Tibetan Historiography
Manuel Lopez, University of Virginia
The Light at the End of the Tunnel: Buddhism During Tibet’s Dark Age
Eric Fry-Miller, Indiana University
Dreaming of Magic Wheels, Flames, and Bliss: Understanding the Transformation of Candali Practice in the Drigung Kagyu
Responding:
Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield
Business Meeting:
Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding
A21-230
Theology and Continental Philosophy Group and Animals and Religion Group
MM-Nob Hill C
Stephen H. Webb, Wabash College, Presiding
Theme: Religious Philosophy and Animal Death
- Dawne McCance, University of Manitoba
  Passivity
- Donald L. Turner, Nashville State Community College
  Bataille's Theology and Animal Death
- A. R. Bjerke, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Animal Trials and the Operation of Law unto Death
- Heidi Marx-Wolf, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Porphyry and Animals: Spiritual Continuism or Metaphysical Separationism?
Responding:
  Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara

A21-231
International Development and Religion Group
CC-2002
Mary Baich, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Theme: Making Visible the Invisible: Religious Health Assets for Strengthening Health Systems
Panelists:
  James R. Cochrane, University of Cape Town
  Gary Gunderson, Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare
  Ted Karf, Boston University
  Jill Olivier, University of Cape Town
Responding:
  Katherine Marshall, Georgetown University
Business Meeting:
  Nathan R. B. Loewen, Vanier College, Presiding

A21-232
North American Hinduism Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group
MM-Yerba Buena 5
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, Presiding
Theme: Mother India Meets the Golden State: California Gurus and West Coast Yoga
Panelists:
  F. X. Charet, Goddard College
  Philip Goldberg, Spiritual Wellness and Healing Associates
  Donnalee Dox, Texas A & M University
  Ann Gleig, Millsaps College
  Lola L. Williamson, Millsaps College
Responding:
  Stefanie Syman, Brooklyn, NY

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CC–Moscone Center West • MM–Marriott Marquis • IC–InterContinental • PW–Parc 55 Wyndham • HI–Hilton Union Square
A21-238

Special Topics Forum
MM-Yerba Buena 9
David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College, Presiding
Theme: Public Understanding and Education on Religion Roundtable

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee
At the core of the AAR’s mission is a commitment to engage
the public on questions of religion, theological education,
and civic life. These engagements take the form of education,
broadly construed, including higher education but also critical
considerations of issues of public policy, religious literacy, public
education, civil society, international relations, and other pressing
concerns. The AAR also understands that there is not one “public”
to which it is responsible and accountable but rather multiple
publics: AAR members; faculty and independent scholars;
students; the reading public (news, trade publications, blogs);
members of religious communities and their leaderships; and
other academic disciplines. The AAR seeks to fulfill this mission
of public engagement fully understanding that its members work
in many spheres well outside of the academy. Just as a professional
society we seek to be accountable to multiple publics, the AAR
also views public engagement as “education,” meaning teaching
publics outside of the academy, including students of all ages,
disciplines other than religious studies and theology, the press,
policy makers, educators, and so on. Consider just one example:
the students that many members of the AAR teach are not
graduate students but rather undergraduates who will neither
major in religious studies nor go on to graduate studies.

This roundtable brings together scholars, public intellectuals, and
other thoughtful interlocutors of publics on issues of religion and
theological education. The design of the session is a dialogue —
in fact, the roundtable will mark the beginning of an ongoing
conversation that the AAR has committed to taking up over the
coming years as it comes to more fully appreciate its changing
identity and constituencies as a learned society.

Panelists:
Craig Calhoun, Social Science Research Council and New
York University
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion
Ada Maria Isasi-Díaz, Drew University
Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University
Krista Tippett, Being, American Public Media

A21-235

Religion in Europe Group and Sociology of Religion Group
CC-3009
Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding
Theme: Panel Discussion of Phil Zuckerman’s Society without God:
What the Least Religious Nations Can Tell Us About Contentment
(New York University Press, 2008)
Panelists:
Grace Davie, University of Exeter
Titus Hjelm, University College London
Yucel Demirer, Kocaeli University
Responding:
Phil Zuckerman, Pitzer College

A21-236

Religion in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500–1650
CE Group
MM-Yerba Buena 3
Constance Furey, Indiana University, Presiding
Theme: Mapping Medieval Boundaries: Textual, Physical, and
Institutional
Katie Bugysis, University of Notre Dame
The Anachronistic Crane: Margery Kempe and the Hands that (Re/
Un)Wrote Her Theology of History
Hartley Lachter, Muhlenberg College
Kabbalah for the Moses: Reconsidering the Elitism of Medieval
Jewish Mysticism
Sherri Johnson, University of California, Riverside
From Dominican to Benedictine, from Benedictine to Dominican:
Religious Women and Reform in Late Medieval Italy
Thomas Barton, University of San Diego
Core and Periphery in Christendom: The Malleability of Diocesan
Formation
Responding:
Martha Newman, University of Texas

Business Meeting:
Constance Furey, Indiana University, Presiding
Sacred and Religious Sites of San Francisco Tour
Monday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, and David Bains, Samford University, and Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University, and Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming, Presiding

The tour will visit a number of sites that reflect the religious diversity of San Francisco. We will travel by bus to First Chinese Baptist Church — organized in 1880 — a multigenerational bilingual bicultural church. We will then walk through Chinatown, stopping at two temples dedicated to the Empress of Heaven, Goddess of the Sea: 1) Tin Hou Temple, established in 1852, which is popular among Buddhist/Daosist Chinese/Chinese Americans; and 2) Ma-tsu Temple, founded in 1986, which is based on a Taiwanese/Taiwanese American representation of the goddess that informs different ritual traditions.

We will then reboard the bus for Misión San Francisco de Asís (better known as Mission Dolores), constructed in 1791 as a Franciscan mission intended to convert the native communities in the Bay Area. Today this Roman Catholic parish complex also includes a cemetery and basilica — completed in 1918. If time permits, we may explore one or two more sites in the Mission Dolores area.

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
MM-Walnut
Bill T. Arnold, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Review of Joel Green, ed., The Dictionary on Scripture and Ethics (Baker, 2011)

Panelists:
  - Willie James Jennings, Duke University
  - Nicholas Perrin, Wheaton College
  - Allen Verhey, Duke University
  - Jacqueline E. Lapsley, Princeton Theological Seminary
  - Rebekah Miles, Southern Methodist University

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion
MM-Willow
Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University, and Dora Mbuwayesango, Hood Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Gender, Economics, and Context: Investigations in Biblical Studies Part II

This panel explores the politics, histories, and rhetorics on gender and economics as produced in biblical studies. It aims to open up conversations among a wide range of feminist scholars from manifold contexts who are interested in dismantling structures of domination and exploitation in the past and present.

Society for Pentecostal Studies
MM-Golden Gate C2
Kenneth Archer, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Prophecy and Apocalyptic in the New Testament

Roger Stronstad, Summit Pacific College

The Prophethood of All Believers: Three Voices, One Message
Robby Waddell, Southeastern University

Choose Your Own Adventure: A Fresh Look at the Structure of the Book of Revelation
Melissa Archer, Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Worship in the Apocalypse: A Narrative Pentecostal Reading

Special Topics Forum
MM-Yerba Buena 9
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: Who Speaks for Us?: Responses to Representations of Islam and Christianity in America

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee and the Religion, Media, and Culture Group

How do American Muslims and American Christians think about the challenges of public representation in journalism and entertainment media? Do Christian and Muslim leaders have different understandings of the place of religion in the public sphere? How do they judge the way their faith is portrayed in news and entertainment media? Are they passive in the face of these portrayals, or do they have deliberate media strategies to shape the way they are portrayed? Researchers raised these and related questions in a series of focus groups in a major Western city that gathered Muslim and Christian leaders, women, activists, social-media entrepreneurs, and young people. In this session they discuss the implications of their findings with practicing journalists.

Panelists:
  - Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado
  - Jeffrey H. Mahan, Iliff School of Theology
  - Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado
A21-301

Women's Lounge Roundtable
MM-Pacific B
Theme: Women and Difference
Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women's Caucus
Join us for an informal discussion session for sharing experiences of hostility within an academic or religious institution due to racial, religious, sexual, or ethnic difference; including constructive proposals for dealing with such experiences and healing relationships among women along such lines of difference.

A21-302

Wildcard Session
IC-Union Square
Margaret Benefiel, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding
Theme: Quakerism beyond Borders: Community and Harmony in the Lives of Friends
Diverse in focus and approach, these four papers are unified in their attempt to better understand the lived religion of Quakerism as expressed in the themes of harmony and community. Jon Kershner and Hayley Rose Glaholt discuss the theological concept of harmony as shaped by two limited historical moments in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Focusing on John Woolman’s apocalyptic rhetoric (Kershner) and Victorian Friends’ conceptualizations of inter-species pacifism (Glaholt), this first set of papers explores Quaker visions of the “peaceable kingdom.” The second set of papers addresses the creation and expansion of Quaker community in Britain and Burundi. Using the work of twentieth century Quaker theologian Maurice Creasey, Dr. David Johns analyzes this theologian’s understanding of ecumenism. Lastly, Elizabeth Todd focuses on the “catechism of Friends” as a means of revealing the process of identity formation among Burundi Quakers during the American Friends’ Mission to Burundi (1934-1949).

Jon Kershner, University of Birmingham
“The Lamb’s War” or “the Peaceable Government of Christ”? John Woolman (1720–1772) and Quaker Apocalypses

Hayley Glaholt, Northwestern University
The Intersection of Quakerism and “the Animal”: Moral Debates on Virtue, Healing, and the Definition of Violence

David L. Johns, Earlham School of Religion
Beyond Quaker Self-referentiality: Maurice Creasey’s Vision of Ecumenism

D. Elizabeth Todd, University of Birmingham
Teachings for a Crowd of Friends: The Catechism of the Burundi Friends Church

Responding:
Stephen Ward Angell, Earlham School of Religion

A21-303

American Religion in the Age of AIDS
CC-2004
Randall Miller, Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund and Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Sponsored by the Arts, Literature and Religion Section; North American Religions Section; Religious, Social Conflict and Peace Group; Queer Studies and Religion Consultation; and Religion and Sexuality Consultation

The year 2011 marks the thirtieth anniversary since the first cases of AIDS were discovered. While researchers have documented biomedical constructions of the disease, this panel refocuses on the question of religion in response to the epidemic. While religious leaders on the right have decried AIDS as God’s wrath, many religious Americans have confronted the epidemic head-on, discussing the ramifications of sexual morality for AIDS education, calling for pastoral care, and organizing for a cure. But the role of religious rhetoric and religious actors in the epidemic’s unfolding is often obscured or overly simplified.

By both illustrating the complicated roles that American religion has played in public life and detailing lived religious responses to this crisis, this panel shifts attention away from facile “culture wars” dichotomies, uncovering a broader range of public debates and religious practices that Americans have engaged in related to HIV/AIDS and the concomitant issues of sexuality, health, and morality.

Lynne Gerber, University of California, Berkeley
“Is Everyone Healed but Me?”: AIDS at Thirty in a Queer San Francisco Church

Ezer Kang, Wheaton College
Ethnic Churches, Chinese Immigrants, and HIV in New York City: Inconvenient but Necessary Bedfellows

Debra Levine, New York University
The Four Questions and the Disintegrating Glue of Community

Amy Koehler, Florida State University
Passionate Play: Catholicism and Damien Ministries

Anthony Petro, New York University
After the Wrath of God: American Christians and the Biopolitics of AIDS

Responding:
Mark Jordan, Harvard University

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Wildcard Sessions
A21-304

Christian Systematic Theology Section
CC-3001
James J. Buckley, Loyola College, Presiding
Theme: Christology and the Undomesticated God: William C. Placher and Contemporary Theology
Panelists:
  Nadine S. Pence, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
  Ronald F. Thiemann, Harvard University
  Matthew Rose, Villanova University
  Amy Plantinga Pauw, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Responding:
  William J. Werpehowski, Villanova University

A21-305

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
IC-Nob Hill
Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University, Presiding
Theme: Noncanonical/Nationalist Reinventions of Religion’s Narratives of Origins
Panelists:
  Brian P. Bennett, Niagara University
  Tiffany Hacker, National University, Singapore
  Paul Morris, University of Wellington
  Ni Zhang, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
  Franz Winter, University of Vienna
Responding:
  Alexander van der Haven, Webster University

A21-306

Ethics Section
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom C
Todd Penner, Austin College, Presiding
Theme: The Persistence of the Prophetic: Honoring and Engaging the Work of Marc Ellis
Panelists:
  Sharon D. Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School
  Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University
  Cornel West, Princeton University
  Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
  Gary J. Dorrien, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary
  Richard Lichtman, Wright Institute, Berkeley, CA
  Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College
Responding:
  Marc H. Ellis, Baylor University

A21-307

History of Christianity Section
MM-Pacific H
Kathleen M. Self, Saint Lawrence University, Presiding
Theme: Interreligious Conflict in the History of Christianity: Premodern Examples
  Beringia Zen, Graduate Theological Union
  Christian Mother, Jewish Traitor: The Disintegrating Body in the Life of William of Norwich
  Philippa Townsend, Ursinus College
  Christian Kinship and Blood Sacrifice in the Roman Empire
  Joel Dowling Soka, Ohio State University
  Silencing Artemis: The Conflict between Artemis and Theodore in the Life of Theodore of Sykeon
  Todd Berzon, Columbia University
  The Double Bind of Christianity’s Judaism: Law and Polemic in the Fourth Century
  Bradley Hendricks, Pennsylvania State University
  Competitive Religious Honor in the Late Antique Mediterranean

A21-308

Philosophy of Religion Section
MM-Yerba Buena 5
Ryan Coyne, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Affect, Passion, and Rationality
  Liane Carlson, Columbia University
  Critical Love: Nietzsche, Love, and the Will to Truth
  Abigail Kluchin, Columbia University
  Rigorous Unintelligibility: Irigaray on Freud, Affect, and "Styles" of the Unconscious
  Jenna Tiitsman, Auburn Media and University of North Carolina
  Affective Investment: Accounting for Difference in a Politics without Identity
Business Meeting:
  Ludger Viehues-Bailey, Le Moyne College, and Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

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**A21-309**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Practical Theology Group**

MM-Yerba Buena 13

Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Ethnography and Theology*

- Annie Hardison-Moody, Emory University  
  *At the Boundary of Research and Care: Toward a Feminist Practical Theological Research Agenda*
- Jan Holton, Yale University  
  *How are You Blessed by God? Negotiating the Fluid Boundaries of Pastoral Theological Ethnography in Post-conflict Zones*
- Eileen Campbell-Reed, Luther Seminary, and Christian A. B. Scharen, Luther Seminary  
  *Ethnography On Holy Ground: Practical Theology, Shared Silence, and Qualitative Interviewing*
- Eu Kit Lim, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver  
  *“Critics and Caretakers”: Critiquing and Complementing Russell McCutcheon in Qualitative Approaches to the Study of Religion*

Responding:

John Swinton, University of Aberdeen

**A21-310**

**Religion in South Asia Section and Hinduism Group**

MM-Yerba Buena 7

David Haberman, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Mughal Bhakti: Devotees, Sufis, Yogis, and Literati in Early Modern North India*

- Heidi R.M. Pauwels, University of Washington  
  *When a Sufi Tells About Krishna's Doom*
- Patton Burchett, Columbia University  
  *Bitten By the Snake of Love: Jogis, Tantra, and Mantra in the Poetry of the Bhakti Saints*
- Tony Stewart, North Carolina State University  
  *Vaishnava Narrative–Sufi Counternarrative in the Age of Decline*
- Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina  
  *Indian Lovers in Arabic and Persian Guise: Azad Bilgrami’s Depiction of Nayikas*

Responding:

John S. Hawley, Columbia University

**A21-311**

**Study of Islam Section**

CC-2020

Vernon James Schubel, Kenyon College, Presiding

Theme: *The Matter of Bodies in Shi’i Religious Discourse and Practice*

- Faegheh Shirazi, University of Texas  
  *Women’s Bodies and Sexuality: A View from the Iranian Shi’i Perspective*
- Elizabeth Bucar, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
  *Making Transsexuals in Tehran: Discourses, Performances, and the Ontology of Gender*
- Edith Szanto, University of Toronto  
  *Healing Shi’i Bodies: Cupping, Flagellation, and Saintly Intercession in Contemporary Syria*
- Karen G. Ruffle, University of Toronto  
  *Bodies of Pleasure: The Self-sacrificing Body in Shi’i Islam*

Responding:

Janet Afary, University of California, Santa Barbara

**A21-312**

**Study of Judaism Section**

MM-Yerba Buena 10

Gary H. Gilbert, Claremont McKenna College, Presiding

Theme: *Agamben’s Judaism*

- Zdravko Planinic, McMaster University  
  *Saving Levi from Agamben’s Remnant*
- Oona Eisenstadt, Pomona College  
  *Judaism as Trope: A Rereading of Agamben’s “Potentialities”*
- Jeffrey Bernstein, College of the Holy Cross  
  *The Paradoxical Transmission of Tradition: Agamben’s Potential Reading of the Rishonim*

Responding:

David Kangas, Graduate Theological Union

**A21-313**

**Teaching Religion Section**

IC-Telegraph Hill

Stephen Prothero, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Interreligious Engagement?: Exploring Models for Teaching Religion in Light of Religious Diversity*

Panelists:

- Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University
- Bobbi Patterson, Emory University
- John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University
- Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

Responding:

Ebrahim Patel, Interfaith Youth Core
A21-314

Women and Religion Section and International Development and Religion Group
CC-2009
Nathan R. B. Loewen, Vanier College, Presiding
Theme: The Engagement of International Development with Religion: Promoting or Inhibiting Women’s Rights?
Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds
International Development Engages with Religion: Positive or Negative Outcomes for Women?
Nida Yasmeen Kirmani, University of Birmingham
To Be or Not to Be “Islamic Feminist”: Comparing the Strategies of Muslim Women’s Rights Activists in India and Pakistan
Tamsin Bradley, London Metropolitan University
Negotiating with the Sacred: Spirituality, Religion, and Politics in the work of the Tibetan Buddhist Women’s Association in Dharamsala
Martin Rew, University of Birmingham
Education for the Poor?: Gender, Class, and Educational FBOs in India
Zara Bhatewara, London Metropolitan University
Strategic Fundamentalism: Connections between Poverty, Gender, and Hindu Nationalism in an Indian Slum

A21-315

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
MM-Nob Hill A
Devin Singh, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Coming Home: LGBTQ Asian Americans and Religious Communities
Panelists:
Michael Sepidooza Campos, Graduate Theological Union
Elizabeth Leung, Pacific School of Religion
Gina Masequesmay, California State University, Northridge
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary
Responding:
Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School

A21-316

Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
CC-3012
Dennis Hirota, Ryukoku University, Presiding
Theme: Buddhist Resources for Womanist Reflection
Panelists:
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Jennifer S. Leath, Yale University
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
Charles Hallisey, Harvard University
Responding:
John Makransky, Boston College

A21-317

Chinese Religions Group
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom A
Chun-Fang Yu, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: Publishing Religion, Negotiating the Party–State: New Perspectives on Religion in Modern China
Panelists:
J. Brooks Jessup, University of Minnesota, Morris
Paul Mariani, Santa Clara University
Joseph Tse-Hei Lee, Pace University
David Ownby, Université de Montréal
Rostislav Berezkin, Academia Sinica
Gregory Scott, Columbia University
Paul Katz, Academia Sinica
Philip Clart, University of Leipzig
George Kam Wah Mak, Hong Kong Baptist University
Responding:
Rebecca Nedostup, Boston College

A21-318

Christian Spirituality Group and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
CC-2010
Timothy M. Matovina, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Theme: Reconfigurando Contemporary Spirituality: The Contribution of Latino/a and Hispanic Cultures
Panelists:
Gilberto Cavaos-González, Catholic Theological Union
C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union
Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Azusa Pacific University
Edwin David Aponte, New York Theological Seminary

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CC–Moscone Center West • MM–Marriott Marquis • IC–InterContinental • PW–Parc 55 Wyndham • HI–Hilton Union Square
A21-319

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group
MM-Nob Hill B
Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, Presiding
Theme: “Religion”: Contexts for Its Emergence
Stephen A. Wilson, Hood College
Deriving is from Ought Not: The British Enlightenment’s Lexicons of Illiberality and Selfishness and the Globalization of “Religion”
Diane Segroves, Vanderbilt University
Without a Trace?: Wilhelm Boussen, the History of Religion, and the Erasure of Judaism
Jeffrey Morrow, Seton Hall University
David Lambert, Harvard University
The Hebrew Bible and the Task of Genealogy
Responding:
Ward Blanton, University of Glasgow
Business Meeting:
Tomoko Masuzawa, University of Michigan, and Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, Presiding

A21-320

Evangelical Theology Group
CC-2007
Silas Morgan, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding
Theme: The Holy Spirit in Evangelical Theology: Truth, Life, and the Politics of Discipleship
Panelists:
Veli-Matti Karkkainen, Fuller Theological Seminary
John (jack) Levison, Seattle Pacific University
Molly T. Marshall, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Responding:
Rabbi Rachel Timoner, Leo Baecck Temple
Amos Yong, Regent University
Edmund Rybarczyk, Vanguard University
Business Meeting:
Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding

A21-321

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
IC-Sutter
Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University College, Presiding
Theme: Sacred Mountains in Indigenous Traditions
Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College
A Tale of Two Mountains: Vagasthal and Babo Tundvo in Chbotanidepur Taluka, Gujarat
Seth Schermerhorn, Arizona State University
Contextualizing Sacred Mountains: Place and Christianity in an Indigenous Landscape
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia
Places with Personality: Sacred Mountains, Sacred Geography
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
Returning to Foretop’s Father: A Sunrise Ceremony in Wyoming
Business Meeting:
Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University College, Presiding

A21-322

Japanese Religions Group
MM-Yerba Buena 15
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles, and University of Chicago, Presiding
Panelists:
Robert N. Bellah, University of California
Erin McCarthy, Saint Lawrence University
Yasunari Takada, University of Tokyo
Mark Unno, University of Oregon
Responding:
Thomas P. Kasulis, Ohio State University
John C. Maraldo, University of North Florida
James W. Heisig, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture
Business Meeting:
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, and Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding
A21-323

Law, Religion, and Culture Group and Religion in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500–1650 CE Group

MM-Yerba Buena 3

Isaac Weiner, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Law in the Medieval Mediterranean World

Andrew Salzmann, Boston College
Religion as Law in the Latin West: A Philological and Conceptual Study

Kevin Jaques, Indiana University
Prayer and the Apocalypse of 841/1438

Lena Salaymeh, University of California, Berkeley
Commanding Charity in the Medieval Mediterranean

Brian Catlos, University of Colorado, and University of California, Santa Cruz
Religious Orthodoxy, Ethnoreligious Plurality, and Legal Compromise in the Medieval Mediterranean

Gerard Wiegers, University of Amsterdam
Religious Polemics and Legal Boundaries in the Medieval Mediterranean World

Responding:
David Freidenreich, Colby College

A21-324

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group

PW-Fillmore

Marie Cartier, Claremont Graduate University and California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Theme: Borderlands and Lesbian Nation: Sacred Space?

Kathleen Douglass, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Vibrating Spaces: Transformational Relating in Borderland Space

An Yountae, Drew University
Amor Fronterizo y el Renacimiento de la Tierra Madre: Dialectics of Love in the Borderland/Homeland

Margaret Robinson, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Your Borders are Not My Boundaries: A Fence-sitting Halfbreed Reads La Frontera

Robyn Henderson-Espinosa, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Must I be a Lesbian Feminist?: Borderlands as the Sit(gh)te for a Queer Mestizo

Business Meeting:
Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding

A21-325

Mysticism Group and Music and Religion Group

MM-Sierra J
LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College, Presiding

Theme: Music, Mysticism, and Religion

Jonas Lundblad, Lund University
The Musical Self: A Nonmotivie Reinterpretation of Schleiermacher's Aesthetics of Feeling

Kenneth Schweitzer, Washington College
"Drumming" Ritual Identity in Santería

Neil Douglas-Klotz, Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Learning
From Breath to Dance: Music as a Language of Experience in an American Sufi

Christopher Driscoll, Rice University
Taking Shape of Musical Theodicy: Monsters of Folk, the Roots, and Responses to Human Suffering

Paul Cassell, Boston University
What the "Strange Trip" of the Deadhead Community Can Teach Us about Religion

A21-326 (=S21-330)

Nineteenth Century Theology Group and SBL Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Group

CC-2016

Dawn A. De Vries, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Nineteenth Century Women, Biblical Criticism, and Progressive Revelation

Marion Taylor, Wycliffe College
Women and Biblical Criticism in Nineteenth Century England

Christiana De Groot, Calvin College
Progressive Revelation in Two Nineteenth Century Women Interpreters

Claudia Setzer, Manhattan College
The Biblical Hermeneutics of Frances Willard

Alicia Batten, University of Sudbury
"The Gliblews" and the Palimpsest

Ruth Tonkiss Cameron, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary
Miss Briggs for the Pulpit?
Monday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A21-327
Religion and Disability Studies Group
CC-2014
Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding
Theme: Metaphor, Language, and Corporeality
Naomi Steinberg, Humboldt State University, and Devva Kasnitz, Society for Disability Studies
Inattentive Metaphors: Language and Thought on Disability in Progressive Judaism
Amy Ifátólú Gardner, University of California, Berkeley
Of Gimps and Gods: Disability as Embodiment of the Divine in Yoruba and Diasporic Religions
Emma Brodeur, Syracuse University
Signing Subjectivity: Derrida’s Of Grammatology Meets Deaf Studies
Raedorah Stewart, ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives
Made by God, Broken by Life: Developing an African American Hermeneutic for Redressing Disability Language, Metaphor of Brokenness, and Differentials in Wholeness
Devorah Greenstein, Starr King School for the Ministry
Ableist Microaggressions in Religious Contexts: Considering Brokenness and Disability

A21-328
Religion and Ecology Group
IC-Grand Ballroom B
Matthew Riley, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Conservation in Context
James Miller, Queen's University
Daoism and Sustainability in Contemporary China
Elizabeth Allison, California Institute of Integral Studies
Liminal Beasts: Dogs, Pigs, and Other Challenges to Ecological and Ritual Purity in Bhutan
Steven Masters, Drew University
Backpacking the Long Trail: Sacred Ritual in Vermont’s Viridis Monti
George James, University of North Texas
Indian Hermeneutics of Nature and the Hermeneutic of Nature of Hindu Nationalism
Suzanne Armstrong, Wilfrid Laurier University
Understandings of Christian Stewardship in Farming Through the Work of the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Canada

A21-329
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
MM-Yerba Buena 6
Emily Wu, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: Spirituality and the Medicalization of Religion in Mental Health Care
Johannes Quack, University of Heidelberg
Pragmatic Religiosity: Analyzing the Role of Religion in Mental Health Care (in North India)
Shenandoah Nieuwsma, University of North Carolina
Wounded Bodies, Wounded Souls: Questioning “Spiritual Fitness” in the Modern Military
Gabriella Lettini, Graduate Theological Union and Starr King School for the Ministry
Responding:
Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina
Lance D. Laird, Boston University, Presiding

A21-330
Ritual Studies Group
CC-2011
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding
Theme: Redefining Religion through the Study of Ritual
Panelists:
Donna L. Seamone, Acadia University
Graham Harvey, Open University
Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University
Gwilym Beckerlegge, Open University
Amy Whitehead, Open University
Katy Soar, Open University

A21-331
Scriptural Reasoning Group and Ricoeur Group
MM-Club Room
Michael De Lashmutt, Sarum College, Presiding
Theme: The Hermeneutics of Paul Ricoeur and Scriptural Reasoning
Kim Young Won, Graduate Theological Union
Paul Ricoeur’s Religious Hermeneutics: A Theory for Scriptural Reasoning
Brian A. Butcher, Pacific College
Scriptural Reasoning According to a Liturgical Logic: Reading the Song of Songs with Ricoeur and the Church Fathers
Jin Han, New York Theological Seminary  
* Allegory and Alterity in Ricoeur’s Reading of the Song of Songs*
Rose Ellen Dunn, Drew University  
* Imagining Possibilities: “Thinking Biblically” with Paul Ricoeur*

**A21-332**  
**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group**  
IC-Grand Ballroom C  
Amy P. Langenber, Auburn University, Presiding  
Theme: *The Culinary in Buddhism: Miracles, Medicine, and Monstrosity*  
Natalie Guammer, Beloit College  
*The Joy of Cooking with Words: Food, Fire, and Immortality in Two Mahāyāna Sūtras*  
Frances Garrett, University of Toronto  
*Eating Right with Tibetan Food Practices*  
Annabella Pitkin, Columbia University  
*The Inexhaustible Lump of Brown Sugar: Tibetan Buddhist Narratives of Miraculous Hospitality, Pleasure, and Meditative Abundance*  
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado  
*Eating Monkey Brains: Exoticizing the Han Banquet in a Tibetan Buddhist Argument for Vegetarianism*  
Responding:  
James McHugh, University of Southern California

**A21-333**  
**Western Esotericism Group**  
CC-2001  
Cathy Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College, Presiding  
Theme: *Western Esotericism and Material Culture*  
Egil Asprem, University of Amsterdam  
*Techno-fetishism, Instrumentation, and the Materiality of Esoteric Knowledge*  
Shawn Eyer, John F. Kennedy University  
*The Use of Tracing Boards and Other Art Objects as Physical Aids of Symbolic Communication in the Rituals and Practices of Freemasonry*  
Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College  
*Conjurational Contraptions: “Techno-gnosis,” Mechanical Wizardry, and the Material Culture of African American Folk Magic*  
Henrik Bogdan, University of Gothenburg  
*“Objets d’Art Noir”, Magical Engines, and Gateways to Other Dimensions: Understanding Hierophanies in Contemporary Occultism*  
Joseph Christian Greer, Harvard University  
*Storming the Citadel for Knowledge, Aesthetics, and Profit: The Dreamachine in Twentieth Century Esotericism*  

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**A21-334**  
**Religion, Memory, History Group and Sikh Studies Group**  
CC-2006  
Pashaura Singh, University of California, Riverside, Presiding  
Theme: *Representing Sikh Traditions: Image, Word, and Place*  
Nikky Singh, Colby College  
*Corporeal Mnemonics: Guru Nanak in the B-40 Janamsakhi*  
Nirinjan Khalsa, University of Michigan  
*Gurbani Kirtan Renaissance: Reviving Musical Memory in the Sikh Panth*  
Radhika Chopra, University of Delhi  
*A Shrine and Its Museum: Memory, History, and Politics in the Sikh Golden Temple*  
Tavleen Kaur, University of Michigan  
*Violence to and through Architecture: Revisiting the Operation Bluestar Genocide Via Victimized Buildings*  
Responding:  
Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia

**A21-335**  
**Theology and the Political Group**  
CC-3002  
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding  
Theme: *Democracy and Faith*  
Panelists:  
Vincent Lloyd, Georgia State University  
Ian Ward, University of Maryland  
Jonathon Kahn, Vassar College  
Melvin Lee Rogers, University of Virginia  
Responding:  
Joseph Winters, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
Business Meeting:  
Corey D. B. Walker, Brown University, Presiding

**A21-336**  
**Student Lounge Roundtable**  
Monday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm  
MM-Pacific C  
Leanna Fuller, Vanderbilt University, and Joshua Canzona, Catholic University of America, Presiding  
Theme: *Teaching Portfolios: From the Classroom to the Job Market*  
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee  
Developing a teaching portfolio will help you generate materials often requested by potential employers and also prepare you to talk effectively about your teaching in interviews. In this round table session we will discuss the following questions: What, exactly, is a teaching portfolio? What should it include? To enrich our conversation, please bring your own questions about teaching portfolios. Resources for getting started with your teaching portfolio will be provided.

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**P21-308**

**Christian Theological Research Fellowship**

MM-Walnut

Joy J. Moore, Duke University, Presiding

**Theme: Review of Matthew Siblimm, From Fratricide to Forgiveness: The Language and Ethics of Anger in Genesis (Eisenbrauns, forthcoming)**

- David M. Moffitt, Duke University
- Travis J. Bott, Emory University
- Terence Fretheim, Luther Seminary

Responding:

- Matthew R. Schlimm, University of Dubuque

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**Monday, 6:00 pm and Later**

**A21-337**

**Religion Beyond the Boundaries**

Monday, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

CIIS, 1453 Mission Street, Room 207

Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

**Theme: Intersections of Spirituality, Healing, and Medicine**

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

The AAR is committed to fostering the public understanding of religion. Inspired by this goal, the Graduate Student Committee has organized two evenings of public talks in San Francisco. Student members will present their cutting-edge research in these innovative evening sessions designed to move our discussions of religion out of the traditional academic setting of the Annual Meeting and into the community. Plan to join us for these stimulating talks and discussions!

- Elizabeth Gordon, Graduate Theological Union
  *The Public Space of Spirituality: Emerging Health Care Models*

- Kandace Geldmeier, Syracuse University
  *Death and Pregnancy: Religion, Ritual and the Hospital*

- Connor Wood, Boston University
  *Social Defeat and Korean Shamanism*

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**P21-300**

**European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism and Aries Reception**

Monday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

IC-Twin Peaks

The European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism and its associated journal *Aries* invite current and potential members of ESSWE and current or potential contributors to *Aries* to a reception to hear briefly about plans for ESSWE and *Aries*, and to renew or extend contacts within the field.

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**M21-301**

**Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts (SCRIPT) Annual Meeting**

Monday, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Offsite

Library Bar, Hotel Rex, 562 Sutter Street (http://www.jdvhotels.com/dining/library_bar)

6:00 pm Dinner (paid by each attendee; please contact Dori Miller Parmenter dparmenter@palding.edu to make a dinner reservation)

7:00 pm Business Meeting: S. Brent Plate, Presiding

More information about joining SCRIPT can be found at http://script-site.net/index.html.

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**M21-300**

**California Institute of Integral Studies**

Monday, 6:45 pm–7:45 pm

HI-Continental Ballroom 1

**Theme: New Horizons in Religion and Ecology**

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**P21-400**

**Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy**

Monday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

HI-Golden Gate 1

Nona R. Bolin, Memphis College of Art, Presiding

**Theme: Freedom in Indian Philosophy**

- Bina Gupta, University of Missouri
  *Freedom in Advaita Vedanta*

- Douglas Berger, Southern Illinois University
  *Conditioning and Grasping: A Reconsideration of Nagarjuna’s Philosophical Vocabulary*

- Nona R. Bolin, Memphis College of Art
  *Freedom from Freedom: Surviving the Absurd in Madhyamika Buddhism*
M21-400

Buddhism Section

Monday, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm
HI-Continental Ballroom 5

Elizabeth Rohlman, University of Calgary, Presiding

Theme: Leslie Kawamura Memorial Panel and Reception

Please join us in remembering Dr. Leslie Kawamura (1935-2011), Numata Chair of Buddhist Studies at the University of Calgary and esteemed scholar of Yogācāra and Shin Buddhism. A panel featuring remembrances of some of those closest to Dr. Kawamura will be followed by a reception co-sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Calgary, the Yogācāra Studies Group, and the International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies.

Panelists:
- Charles Prebish, Utah State University
- John Holt, Bowdoin College
- Charles Willemen, International Buddhist College
- Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University
- Ken Tanaka, Musashino University
- Chuck Muller, University of Tokyo
- John Harding, University of Lethbridge
- Sarah Haynes, Western Illinois University
- Michelle Sorensen, Columbia University
- James Apple, University of Calgary

M21-404

Film: The Psalm of Howard Thurman

Monday, 7:30 pm–9:30 pm
MM-Pacific H

The Psalm of Howard Thurman, is a feature-length documentary on the life and wisdom of one of the nation’s greatest spiritual treasures, Howard Thurman (1899-1981). The Psalm of Howard Thurman skillfully combines on-camera remembrances and mood-setting nature scenes with rare archival stills, audio and film footage, including that of Dr. Thurman himself. The documentary, by filmmaker Arleigh Prelow, introduces audiences to Thurman’s uplifting story, his transcendent yet grounded presence, and his important voice for our times. Like a psalm, the film aspires to be a lyrical work of beauty and truth, a creative utterance that moves, touches and inspires. For additional information visit: www.howardthurmanfilm.com.

A21-400

Film: La Misión

Monday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM-Nob Hill C

Néstor Medina, University of Toronto, Presiding

Sponsored by the Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Growing up in the Mission district of San Francisco, Che Rivera (Benjamin Bratt) has always had to be tough to survive. He’s a powerful man respected throughout the Mission barrio for his masculinity and his strength, as well as for his hobby building beautiful lowrider cars. A reformed inmate and recovering alcoholic, Che has worked hard to redeem his life and do right by his pride and joy: his only son, Jes, whom he has raised on his own after the death of his wife. Che’s path to redemption is tested, however, when he discovers Jes is gay. To survive his neighborhood, Che has always lived with his fists. To survive as a complete man, he’ll have to embrace a side of himself he’s never shown.

A21-401

Film: We Were Here: Voices from the AIDS Years in San Francisco

Monday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM-Nob Hill A

Melissa Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee

We Were Here documents the coming of what was called the “Gay Plague” in the early 1980s. It illuminates the profound personal and community issues raised by the AIDS epidemic as well as the broad political and social upheavals it unleashed. It offers a cathartic validation for the generation that suffered through, and responded to, the onset of AIDS. It opens a window of understanding to those who have only the vaguest notions of what transpired in those years. It provides insight into what society could, and should, offer its citizens in the way of medical care, social services, and community support. 2011 marks 30 years since AIDS descended. We Were Here utilizes San Francisco’s experience with AIDS to open up an overdue conversation both about the history of the epidemic, and the lessons to be learned from it.

A21-402

Film: Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer

Monday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
MM–Nob Hill B

Norris J. Chumley, Columbia University and New York University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Eastern Orthodox Studies Group

Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer, a new HarperOne book and documentary feature film from SnagFilms (Comcast and Fios On-Demand, iTunes, Amazon and YouTube Rentals), American Public Television (PBS station short version) and Passion River Films (Theatrical, DVD and CD), focuses on the mysteries behind the prayer that is thought to have first been practiced by the Apostles some 2,000 years ago. The prayer is still chanted by monks and nuns in far away caves and monasteries but is mostly unknown to the rest of the western world. Many say that with this prayer, it is possible to communicate directly with God.

Dr. Norris J. Chumley and Very Rev. Dr. John A. McGuckin bring you to ancient lands of peace and solitude, filming for the first time hermits, monks and nuns in caves, monasteries and convents who share this ancient mystical prayer. Visit JesusPrayerMovie.com for Study Guides and additional information.
### A21-403

**Program Unit Chairs’ and Steering Committee Members’ Reception**

Monday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm  
MM-AAR Suite  
Program Unit Chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

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**Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Graduate University Reception**

Monday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
HI-Plaza Ballroom B

### M21-402

**Sheffield Phoenix Press/University of Sheffield Reception**

Monday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
HI-Yosemite Ballroom  
By invitation only.

### M21-403

**Syracuse University Reception**

Monday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm  
HI-Plaza Ballroom A

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### A22-100

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

**MM-Sierra E**

James Thrall, Knox College, Presiding  
Theme: *Endo Shusaku: Religion, Literature, and Missionary Endeavor*

Robert Overy-Brown, Fontana, CA  
*Of Warriors and the Cross: Missions and Encultured Theology in Shusaku Endo’s The Samurai* (Harper and Row, 1980)

Kim Jinhyok, University of Oxford  
*The Journey of the Suffering Servant: The Vulnerable Hero, the Feminine Godhead, and Spiritual Transformation in Endo Shusaku’s Deep River* (New Directions Publishing, 1995)

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University  

Maria Poggi Johnson, University of Scranton  

Responding:  
Ni Zhange, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

### A22-101

**Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group**

**CC-2004**

Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding  
Theme: *Buddhist Debate (Rongi) in Medieval Japan as a Means of Producing, Transmitting, and Contesting Doctrinal Knowledge and Social Relations*

Asuka Sango, Carleton College  
*Japanese Buddhist Debate in the Saisbōkō (the Lecture on the Golden Light Sutra) of the Medieval Period: Was It a Real Debate or Just Hot Air?*

Kenryo Minowa, University of Tokyo  
*Buddhist Debate as a Means of Doctrinal Production in Medieval Japan: The Examination of Debate Topics Recorded in the Hosshōji Mihakkō Mondōki*

Paul Groner, University of Virginia  
*The Social and Pedagogical Background of the Tendai Debate: Jitsudō Ninkū’s (1309–1388) Rules*

Matthew McMullen, University of California, Berkeley  
*Mandala as an Interpretative Language in Shingon Debate Texts*

Responding:  
Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

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A22-102

Christian Systematic Theology Section
CC-2005
Rachel Muers, University of Leeds, Presiding
Theme: The Body of Christ

David Grumett, University of Cambridge
Retrieving Christ's Body from de Lubac's Corpus Mysticum: L'Eucharistie et l'Église au Moyen âge (1944)

Jeanine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University, and Michele Saracino, Manhattan College
Breast-feeding Jesus: Incarnation, the Mothering Body, and the Queering of Christ

Timothy Gabrielli, University of Dayton
At the Risk of the (Mystical) Body: Louis-Marie Chauvet and the Prospects for a Mystical Body of Christ Retrieval

Joyce Ann Mercer, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Ruthanna Brinton Hooke, Virginia Theological Seminary
Women (Per)Forming the Body of Christ: A Feminist Christological Proposal

A22-103

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
MM-Yerba Buena 2
Stephen Prothero, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Maps: Orientations and Disorientations

Laura Elena Hinojosa, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia
Traces of the Past: Spanish and Indigenous Perception of Space in Colonial Maps

Martha Finch, Missouri State University
The Whole Earth is the Lord’s Garden: Mapping Early New England

Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University
Mapping Boundaries: The Science of Knowing Communal Identity in British India

Responding:
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University

A22-104

Ethics Section
MM-Yerba Buena 1
Stephanie May, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Economic Ethics and Political Reform

Joe Pettit, Morgan State University
A Just Economic Order: Evolutionary Economics and Biblical History as Guides for a Way Out of Current Economic Disruptions

Rodolfo Hernandez-Diaz, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Christian Social Ethics, Economic Heterodoxy, and Policy Reforms

William Schanbacher, University of South Florida
Whole Foods or Whole People?: The Madness of Neoliberalism and the Paradoxical Political Economy of Hunger

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College
An End to Tyranny: Walzer and the Problem of Corporate Dominance in Politics

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University
Reforming Economic Excess: Towards a Solidarity Economy

A22-105

History of Christianity Section
CC-2006
Daniel Ramirez, University of Michigan, Presiding
Theme: Interreligious Conflict in the History of Christianity: Modern Examples

Andrew Crome, University of Manchester
An Atlantic Eschatology?: Early Modern Apocalyptic Expectation and the Jews in a Transatlantic Context

Emma J. Anderson, University of Ottawa
“Who Killed Who?”: Native Peoples and the Cult of the “North American Martyrs”

Douglas Jones, University of Iowa
Frank Faniltz in the Seventeenth Century: Resurrecting the Elizabethan Family of Love in the Context of Godly Anxieties over Pantheism and Materialism

Ralph Keen, University of Illinois, Chicago
Divine Wrath in Old England and New: Quaker Responses to Persecution, 1661–1700

Anne Blankenship, University of North Carolina
The Question of Ethnic Churches: A Case Study of Japanese Integration after World War II

Responding:
Ana Maria Bidegain, Florida International University

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North American Religions Section
CC-2007
Randall Syers, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Theme: Industrial Effervescence: Manufacturing Economic Selves and Producing Religious Collectivity in American History
Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama
Colonizing Religion: Faith as Market Force in the American South
Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College
Gilded Age Railroad Brotherhoods as Industrial Religion
Chad Seales, University of Texas
Mechanics of Communication: Corporate Chaplaincy and the Discursive Formation of Industrial Religion
Evan Berry, American University
Parts of a Whole: Ecological Consumerism in a Global Age
Responding:
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University

A22-107
Philosophy of Religion Section
MM-Yerba Buena 13
Stephen Bush, Brown University, Presiding
Theme: The Viability of Metaphysical Realism
Rose Ann Christian, Towson University
The Ethics of Belief and Belief About Ethics: William Kingdon Clifford at the Metaphysical Society
Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose
Metaphysical Realism after Quantum Field Theory: a New Look at No-thingness
William Lane Craig, Biola University
The Viability of Metaphysical Realism about Abstract Objects
Michael Slater, Georgetown University
Pragmatism, Theism, and the Viability of Metaphysical Realism

A22-108
Religion and Politics Section
CC-2009
Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Peacebuilding in the Global South: Practice and Theory
Barbra Barnett, Chicago, IL
Religion and the Process of Internalizing International Human Rights Norms
Victoria Fontan, University for Peace
“South-South” Cooperation for Elusive Conflict Transformation: Faith-based Diplomacy in Eastern Congo
Clayton Maring, Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding
Siti Sarah Muwahidah, Emory University
Interfaith Dialogue in Mindanao: Sharing A Common Hope and Mutual Fears

A22-109
Religion in South Asia Section
CC-2018
Rebecca Manring, Indiana University, Presiding
Theme: The Impact of Print Technology in the Nineteenth Century
James McHugh, University of Southern California
Ink, Leaves, and Time: The Material and Social Networks of Religious Manuscripts in Premodern Hindu South Asia
James P. Hare, Columbia University
Indian Publishers and Nabhadas’s Bhaktamal
Peter Valdina, Emory University
The Mother of Yoga?: Print, Patanjali, and Colonial Calcutta
Paul B. Courtright, Emory University
Satirizing the “Baboo” in Early Nineteenth Century Calcutta
Nancy M. Martin, Chapman University
From Bhakti Saint to National Heroine: Print and the Canonization of Mirabai
A22-110

Study of Islam Section
CC-3002
Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Presiding
Theme: The Islamic Commentary: Between Canon and Context
Joel Blecher, Princeton University
Hadith Commentary, Canonical Culture, and the Interpretation of al-Bukhari's Sahih
Susan Gunasti, Princeton University
A Reexamination of the Role of al-Baydawi's Commentary Among the Ottomans
Matthew Ingalls, Yale University
Subversive Invisibility: Context and Change in Muslim Legal Commentaries
Responding:
Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

A22-111

Study of Judaism Section
IC-Cathedral Hill
Steve Wasserstrom, Reed College, Presiding
Theme: Rethinking Jewish Orientalism: Reform, Nationalism, and Cultural Zionism
Rethelyi Maria, Loyola University, New Orleans
The Search for Oriental Identity in the Occident among Nineteenth Century Hungarian Jews
Ruchama Johnston-Bloom, University of Chicago
Jews, Muslims, and Bildung: The Case of Gustav Weil
Hanan Harif, Hebrew University
From Orientalism to Regionalism: Jews and Arabs in Palestine from a Pan-Asianist Perspective
Responding:
Suzanne Marchand, Louisiana State University
Business Meeting:
Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, and Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Presiding

A22-113

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
IC-Laurel Hill
Mark Scott, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding
Theme: Religion: Inciting Violence, Inspiring Peace?
Scott D. Dunbar, Saskatoon, Canada
Mahātmā Gandhi's Impatience with Cowards: Ambivalent Warrior Ideals in Gandhi's Philosophy of Nonviolence
Justin Heinzekehr, Claremont School of Theology
Nonviolence as Grounds for the Possibility of Ethics: The Discovery of Transcendental Pacifism in the Radical Reformation
Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute
Beyond Truth: Constructing a Contemporary Theology of Peace from Hasidic Resources
Craig Iffland, University of Saint Andrews
Evangelium Vitae, Thomas Aquinas, and Catholic Pacifism
Heather DuBois, Fordham University
An Introduction to Catholic Peacemaking: Distinctive, Rooted, and Global

A22-114

Women and Religion Section
IC-Nob Hill
Rita Sherma, University of Arizona, Presiding
Theme: Performing Gender and Identity through Song in South Asia
Antoinette DeNapoli, University of Wyoming
“God, Eat or I’ll Beat You!”: The Construction of Female Renunciant Gender Roles through Bhajan Singing
Neelima Shukla-Bhatt, Wellesley College
Dancing with the Goddess, Singing for Ourselves
Karen Pechilis, Drew University
Seeking Gender in Devotional Song, Poetry, and Biography
Responding:
Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University

A22-112

Teaching Religion Section
MM-Yerba Buena 5
Charlotte Moore, West Chester University, Pennsylvania, Presiding
Theme: Documenting Diversity: Religious Perspectives in Oral History
Panelists:
Karin Gedge, West Chester University
Helen Daley Schroepfer, West Chester University
Responding:
Timothy Miller, University of Kansas

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Theme: Bodies, Babies, and Beginning of Life
Ayman Shabana, Georgetown University
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  - Elizabeth Bucar, University of North Carolina
  - Charles Hallisey, Harvard University
  - Anne R. Hansen, University of Wisconsin
  - Richard Miller, Indiana University
  - Jonathan Schofer, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
  - Irene Oh, George Washington University, Presiding

A22-120

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
CC-2001
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding
Theme: Islam and Gender in Europe: Subjectivities, Politics, and Piety
  - Nadia Fadil, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
  - Jeanette Jouili, University of Amsterdam
  - Christine M. Jacobsen, University of Bergen
  - Sarah Dornhof, European University, Viadriana
  - Sarah Bracke, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
  - Schirin Amir-Moazami, Free University of Berlin
Responding:
  - John O’Brien, University of California, Los Angeles

A22-121

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom B
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Princeton University, Presiding
Theme: Hot Rods, Cool Music, and the Queering of Familia: Perspectives on the Film La Mission through Sexuality, Popular Religion, and Violence
Panelists:
  - Wendy Arce, Graduate Theological Union
  - Patrick Reyes, Boston University
  - Raul Rico, Boston University
  - Orlando Espin, University of San Diego
  - Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

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Religion and Popular Culture Group
MM-Sierra A
John Lardas Modern, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding
Theme: Using Theory and Method to Study Religion and Popular Culture
  - Robert Covolo, Fuller Theological Seminary
  - Brett Esaki, University of California, Santa Barbara
  - David Dault, Christian Brothers University
  - Douglas Harrison, Florida Gulf Coast University
Responding:
  - David Morgan, Duke University
A22-123

North American Hinduism Group
IC-Intercontinental Ballroom C
Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: California Dreaming: South Asian Religions Encounter the Counterculture
Smriti Srinivas, University of California, Davis
*Utopian Settlements, Californian Vedanta, Huxley, Isherwood, and Friends*
Michael Stoeber, University of Toronto
*The Reception of Kundalini Yoga in California and Its Relation to Sikh Dharma/SHO*
Eliza Kent, Colgate University
*California Hinduism: The Shiva Lingam of Golden Gate Park, 1989–1994*
Responding:
Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University
Shana Sippy, Carleton College
Business Meeting:
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, Presiding

A22-124

Queer Studies in Religion Group
MM-Sierra C
Thelathia Young, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Queerly Rereading Texts and Traditions
Ahmed Ragab, Harvard University
*Bodies in Transformation: Castration and Castrates in Medieval Islamic Society*
Jay Michaelson, Hebrew University
*Queering Kabbalistic Gender Performance: Possibilities for a Contemporary Queer Theology*
Lisa Brooks, University of Colorado
*Karma as an "Apparatus": The Etiology of Queer Sexualities in Classical Ayurveda*
Jessica A. Boon, Southern Methodist University
*Intersex Theology?: Juana de la Cruz (1481–1534), Transgender Miracles, and Marian Authority*
Responding:
Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, Presiding

Business Meeting:
Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, Presiding